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Osuteki Darling

Lovely Darling

Volume 1

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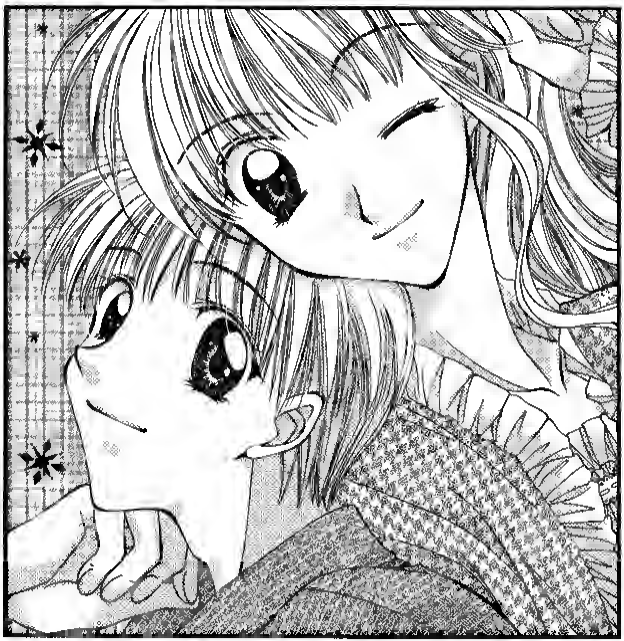

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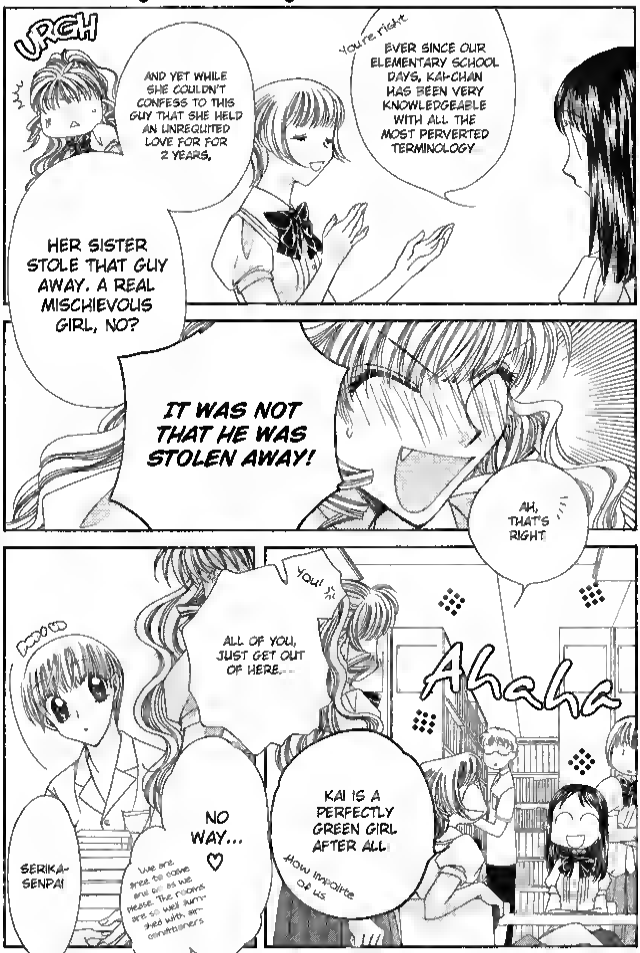
Lovely Darling

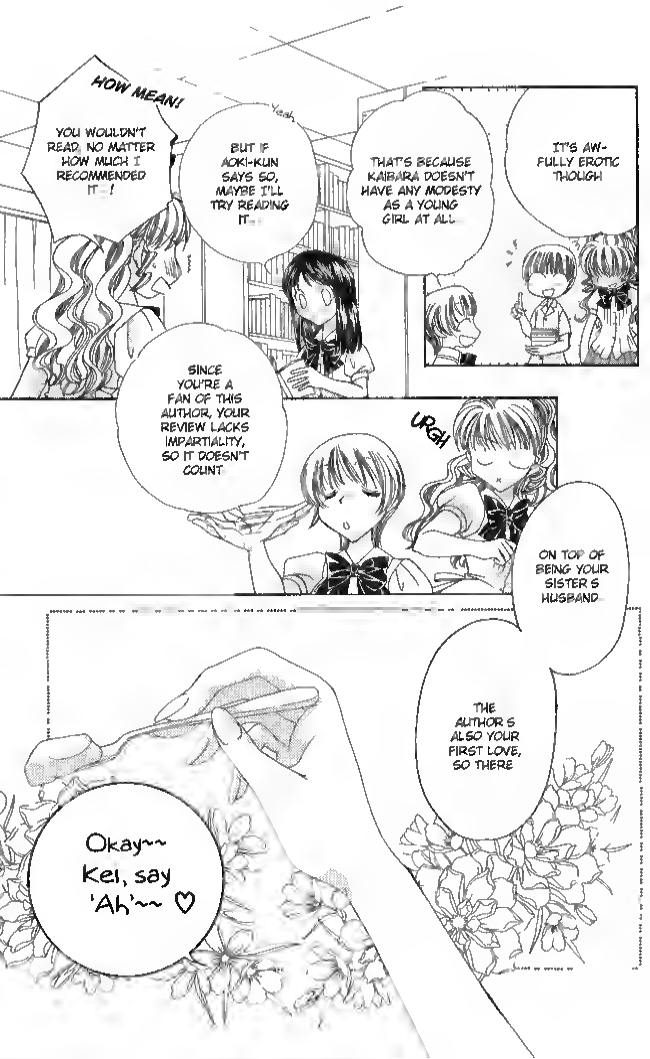
I love reading on rainy days
The sound of the rain washes away the sound of everything else, and it becomes peaceful.
I can concentrate pleasantly on the book
The library is my paradise.
THEREFORE, GO WITH ME!

SLAM
Open Labyrinth
IT'S A TRIP TO A HOT SPRING. MOREOVER, IT HAS AN OPEN BATH. THE FOOD THERE IS PRETTY GOOD. THERE'RE ALSO GAMES AND KARAOKE. SO WE CAN USE OUR FREE TIME TO ITS FULLEST. AND IF IT'S FUN, WE CAN BENEFIT FROM IT A LOT. OH, BUT IT'S OKAY EVEN IF WE DON'T TRY IT OUT. BUT IT'S TOUGH TO BE KEEPING YOUR COOL ALL THE TIME. YOU KNOW? SORRY, BUT I WON'T LET YOU REST UNTIL YOUR LIMBS ARE ALL LOOSE. JUST LEAVE IT TO ME. IF IT COMES TO THAT, WE WILL SPEND THE NIGHT THERE. I HAVE A SMALL BAD HABIT OF-
TOO-YAMA.
Huh?
I'M ONLY FERVENTLY CONFESSING MY LOVE TO YOU, SERIKA
NO, I WILL BEAT YOU UP!
IF YOU DON'T SHUT YOUR MOUTH UP RIGHT NOW, I'LL KICK YOU OUT OF THE LIBRARY.
ROAR
THEN IT'S EVEN WORSE! DON'T RAMBLE ON AND ON WITH YOUR DIRTY JOKES IN A LIBRARY, YOU OCTOPUS!
OH, BUT THAT WAS EXACTLY MY INTENTION.
DON'T YOU CALL THAT A CONFESSION!
THAT KIND OF INDECENT TALK IS SEXUAL HARASSMENT!!!

YOU BASTARD!
I'M STILL A PERFECTLY GREEN GIRL, YOU KNOW...!
THAT'S KAIBARA'S CASE FOR YOU
I THINK IT'S BECAUSE YOU LOOK SHOWY, AND YOU ARE ABSORBED IN READING EROTIC AND GROTESQUE HORROR NOVELS, REGARDLESS OF THE PLACE.
HOW COULD HE SAY THAT I'M NOT A VIRGIN GIRL?
I'm still pure, okay?
That's because
Damn it!
BAM
IT'S TOO LATE TO TRY TO ACT ALL SHY AND INNOCENT NOW
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
Uruka


URGH
AND YET WHILE SHE COULDN'T CONFESS TO THIS GUY THAT SHE HELD AN UNREQUITED LOVE FOR FOR 2 YEARS,
You're right
EVER SINCE OUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DAYS, KAI-CHAN HAS BEEN VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE WITH ALL THE MOST PERVERTED TERMINOLOGY
HER SISTER STOLE THAT GUY AWAY. A REAL MISCHIEVOUS GIRL, NO?
IT WAS NOT THAT HE WAS STOLEN AWAY!
AH, THAT'S RIGHT
Ahaha
You!
ALL OF YOU, JUST GET OUT OF HERE...
KAI IS A PERFECTLY GREEN GIRL AFTER ALL
How impolite of us
NO WAY... ♡
We are glad to come and go as we please. The rooms are so well kept and with air conditioners
SERIKA-SENPAI!

SORRY, AO-KUN!
YOU DID EVERYTHING BY YOURSELF!? SORRY. I'LL DO IT NEXT TIME
Ah..
That's right. I'm also a library committee member. Moreover, I'm the head of the committee.
IT'S OKAY. THERE WASN'T MANY BOOKS TODAY ANYHOW
I'm going to line these books up.
BOOK DISTRIBUTION AND CLASSIFICATION FINISHED FOR THE DAY
EH?
AOKI-KUN ALSO READS THAT KIND OF BOOK!?
IN EXCHANGE FOR THAT, PLEASE LEND ME THAT BOOK ONCE YOU'RE DONE WITH IT.
The one you're reading right now.
Ahaha...
Jeez... I will message your shoulder or whatever for you.
AO-KUN.
You're wonderful
YES, I DO
W-Ah, AO-KUN READS THAT KIND OF BOOK!?
IT HAS A FIRM OUTLOOK ON THE WORLD AND THE TRICKS USED ARE ALSO INTERESTING.
THAT'S RIGHT!


HOW MEAN!
YOU WOULDN'T READ, NO MATTER HOW MUCH I RECOMMENDED IT~!
Yeah
BUT IF AOKI-KUN SAYS SO, MAYBE I'LL TRY READING IT~!
THAT'S BECAUSE KAIBARA DOESN'T HAVE ANY MODESTY AS A YOUNG GIRL AT ALL
IT'S AWFULLY EROTIC THOUGH
SINCE YOU'RE A FAN OF THIS AUTHOR, YOUR REVIEW LACKS IMPARTIALITY, SO IT DOESN'T COUNT
URGH
ON TOP OF BEING YOUR SISTER'S HUSBAND
THE AUTHOR'S ALSO YOUR FIRST LOVE, SO THERE
Okay~~ Kei, say 'Ah'~~ ♡

Ah~~ ♡
IS IT GOOD?
YEP, IT'S GOOD
ITSUKO-CHAN,
CAN I EAT THIS TOO?
Fu—
Go ahead. Say Ah~~ ♡
YOU...
YOU LOVEBIRDS !!!
Ahh~~
SERI WELCOME BACK!
WELCOME HOME, SECCHAN THERE'S SOME ICE CREAM IN THE FRIDGE--
Eh?—

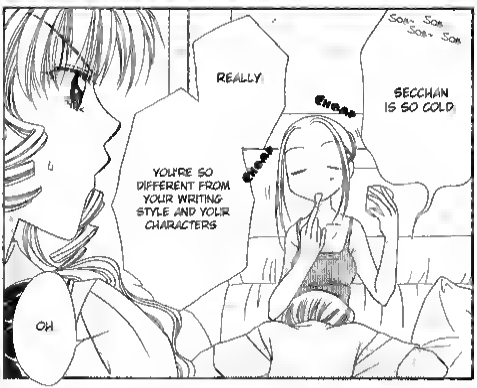
Mao's 1/4 space

Hello to both the people who are reading my work for the first time and to the people who aren't. This is Fujisaki "Lovely Darling" is my 31st book. It was the first time that I drew 100 pages in one go.

That was totally unexpected. Even now when I think back on it, my stomach does flip-flop. I tossed and turned a lot about the color for the cover. I wanted it to be light blue. I really like the title, though (lol).

Yep, I didn't want the title to lose to the lovebirds I drew on the cover.

NAG
NAG
NAG
THAT'S NOT IT.
IT'S SO TROUBLESOME FOR ME WHEN YOU TWO FLIRT AROUND IN MY LIVING ROOM.
Your house is the one you're most interested in!
But this is also my house!
MORE IMPORTANTLY, KEI-CHAN.



HE'S A ROMANTICIST, AND HE ALWAYS SEES GIRLS AS HIS INSPIRATION. THIS JERK. ♡
BUT IT'S NOT LIKE THAT, YOU KNOW?
BIG SIS... YOU'RE NOT REALLY BACKING HIM UP, ARE YOU?
I'm asking just to be sure.
I already.
KEI HAS ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT. HASN'T HE?
Well
KEI-CHAN ONLY HAS EYES FOR BIG SIS
Kei-chan was the only one in my eyes.
...know that
Because while my sister was in love with someone else
HEH
Ah
SECCHAN SECCHAN

PLEASE ENJOY IT
Sparkle
MY NEW WORK HAS JUST BEEN PUBLISHED
AND THIS IS THE SAMPLE IN THE MAGAZINE
YOU, WHO ALWAYS TALKED TO ME SO FONDLY ABOUT YOUR BOYFRIENDS SINCE I WAS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN SUCH A PERVERTED STYLE DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO SAY THAT
It's too late to say that now
Nosh
Drink
SO YOU WANT A HIGH SCHOOL GIRL TO ENJOY AN EROTIC NOVEL...?
Isn't that sexual harassment?
She's sensitive.
HEH
GLARE
I WAS ONLY EDUCATING YOU
Cover arrives!
The word that comes to your mind while looking at her is ephemeral beauty."
My sister, Itsuka, who's one year older than me had a lot of boyfriends.

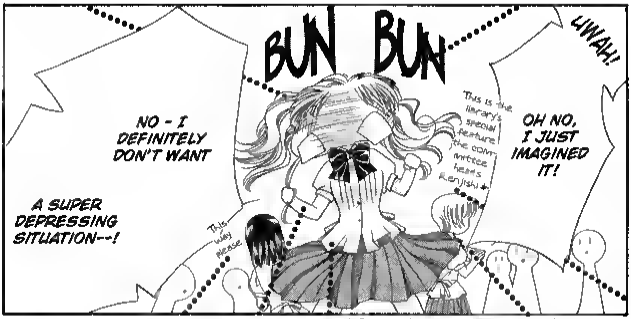
I don't know whether to say that she has a strong heart that she's care-free, that she's whimsical or that she's audacious-
KEI-- POUR ME SOME TEA--♡
I don't care if you're a king or whatever if you're starving you run the errands
OKAY, OKAY
Our neighbor Kawahara is a childhood friend
More than anyone else, he treats my sister like a precious princess
EUH
MY CURRENT BOYFRIEND IS MY SENIOR AT UNIVERSITY
EUH
COULD IT BE THAT THE ONE WE ARE TALKING ABOUT IS NOT THE GUY FROM BEFORE!?
SO fast
KEI... HE'S ALMOST LIKE A BROTHER TO ME
HE'S DIFFERENT
WHAT ABOUT KEI-CHAN?

Whenever she had a broken heart, she cried to Kei-chan.
Young Kei-chan
He's kind...
WELL, ITSU-CHAN AND I BOTH BENEFIT FROM IT.
IS THAT OKAY WITH YOU KEI-CHAN?
He's sweet but he doesn't go all out for it and he's helpless.
Fine, just keep on being infatuated with my sister like that!
I will slowly grow up
Meanwhile, I will become a totally glamorous woman.
and then I will make him fall head over heels in love with me!!
Somehow
WE KIND OF HIT IT OFF, SO WE'RE GETTING MARRIED
WHAM
My sister, so to speak, is only a mosquito net! An insecticide mat!

Yeah.
FROM TODAY ON I WILL LEAD MY DREAM LIFE OF LIVING ON BOOK ROYALTY
THIS IS GREAT. YOU WON'T HAVE TO WORRY EVEN WHEN YOU GET OLD.
YES!
AND I WON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH YOU TROUBLESOME MOTHER.
WHAT?
Hmmm...
NOPE.
AH, WE WON'T HAVE A WEDDING CEREMONY, EITHER
It's too troublesome
HOW BEAUTIFUL--! DO YOU HAVE ONE FOR ME?
ACTUALLY, I ENTERED MY NAME INTO HIS FAMILY REGISTER TODAY
I'm sorry, I'm sorry.
We also bought the wedding rings.
Whine
BAM
Tremble
Tremble
I'd better forget about this thing soon!!!
I have to clean ear re
I'd
Hey hey
SHALL I DO IT FOR YOU?
SEE!-- PICK MY EARS FOR ME

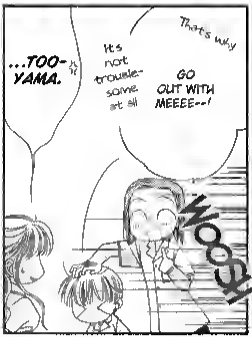
drawing
are for Seri only.
"THE INSIDE" of my ears
BUT SERI IS THE ONE WHO DOES IT BEST
I'VE LET A FEW DO IT FOR ME BEFORE
I DON'T WANT YOU TO
?
?
?
EEAK
Eh?
I don't want some thing like that.
WHA-?
YOU'RE MY ENEMY!

Gyaha
haha
Eh
Just wait and see! I will become even better than Sasaki-san!
THIS IS THE LIBRARY. PLEASE KEEP QUIET.
HOW MISERABLE --!
MUSIC NOT FOUND. MUSIC NOT FOUND.
But
YOSHI-SENSEI IS SUCH A MISCHIEVOUS MAN
YOU MIGHT AS WELL CONFESS TO HIM?
HE HATES YOU ANYHOW
ARE YOU A DEVIL?
I CAN'T DO THAT. I DON'T WANT TO GET IN THE WAY OF KEI-CHAN'S HAPPINESS
Tch
A LIE
ARE YOU KIDDING ME? I DON'T WANT TO DO IT. IT'S TOO BOTHERSOME TO DO IT THIS LATE
I MEAN, SOMETHING THAT EMBARRASSING!
Eh?
USHA
KYAA


BUN BUN
UWAH!
NO - I DEFINITELY DON'T WANT
OH NO, I JUST IMAGINED IT!
A SUPER DEPRESSING SITUATION--!
This is the library's special feature the commitee heard (kenjitsu)
This is way please

*Translator's note: Kenjitsu. A famous Japanese dance.

I said OK thank you
...WHAT ABOUT MY HEART? MY HEART? HUH?
The more you reject me, the more I'm into you
WITH ME, YOUR MIND AND YOUR BODY WILL NEVER GET BORED



Oh no sorry
It's Okay
Hey hey
THAT'S ALSO A KIND OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT YOU KNOW?
DON'T I HAVE ANY FEMININE CHARM!?
AAH, NO! NOW I'VE DONE IT
KICK OUT
LIBRARY
Exactly
YOU SAID SOMETHING GOOD! CHIBI-CHAN*!!
IT'S ONLY THAT YOUR OUTLOOK IS A BIT NARROW
IT'S NOT THAT YOU DON'T HAVE ANY CHARM, SERIKA-SENPAI
Note. Kouhai = underclassman
YOU SEE, I REAAAAAALLY DON'T NEED YOU I HATE VULGAR GUYS.
AND DON'T CALL MY COMPETENT KOUHAI* A CHIBI.
...
Kay?
THAT'S WHY GO OUT WITH ME!

*Translator's Note: Tai in Taiki means big.

Talk about favorite things

~* Drinking *~

Recently, I frequently drink "Burning Amino Style" I'm kind of addicted to it. That's why I'm only drinking it these days. I'm still uncertain whether it does make me feel like burning or not but I really want it to

◆ ~*~ ◆

The cold-brew coffee "Anny's favorite" that readers sent to me is so good that I had to buy more myself to drink in the middle of summer. It comes in paper packs so it's really fun to make~ I love fun things—

◆ ~*~ ◆

I love the "Citron tea" that is only served during autumn and winter at the café near my house. It's black tea with citron soaked in honey. It's very refreshing and tasty. The other day I accidentally froze a citron fruit so I tried adding honey. I wonder how it'd turn out—

168cm

YET HIS NAME IS AOKI TAIKI* UNSUITABLE, HUH?

BUT HE'S A CHIBI.

186cm

152cm

AO-KUN HAS GREAT ABILITY.

THE ONE WHOSE NAME IS UNSUITABLE IS YOU. YOUR NAME IS SHUUICHI*, YET YOU HAVE TO TAKE MAKE-UP EXAMS

WHACK

YOU'RE THE STUPID ONE HERE!

Pu

Translator's Note: Shuu in Shuuichi means excellence.

I WANT TO LOOK SOMETHING UP ON THE COMPUTER
YES.
I'M SORRY. HE MUST HAVE MADE YOU FEEL BAD
I want him to make and think about you
PLEASE DON'T WORRY IT DOESN'T BOTHER ME AT ALL.
HE'S DOING A GOOD JOB--
Ugh
ISN'T SHE FROM THE SAME JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL AS HIM?
LOOKS THAT WAY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL KIDS THESE DAYS.. I DIDN'T HAVE ANY ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIP WHEN I WAS THEIR AGE
WHAT ABOUT TOO-YAMA?
THAT'S A ROTTEN RELATIONSHIP.
OH
WHAT? YOU ARE ACTUALLY AIMING FOR AO-KUN?
MAYBE I'LL HAVE HIM.

I'LL DO MY BEST NOT TO
DON'T USE THAT STRENGTH TO PUSH HIM DOWN FOR REAL
YOU'RE STRONG.
COMRADE!
YOU'RE SUCH A HANDSOME GUY.
Kamijo, you say it like that...
That's right, I'm strong.
I will laugh at everything.
I definitely won't show anyone my true feelings
BUT

Maybe
maybe
switch
I'M SHOCKED AT MY OWN LACK OF CHARM
it's exactly because I'm like this that I cannot love.
AAH--

I WANT TO BE HAPPY.
Rustle
♪
♪
♪
Violin
...EH?
EEH?
...what's this melody again ...?

This is great... sparkling air and a sparkling voice.
It feels good...
AH
That's right
...IT'S MOTOHARU
YOU LOVE... "SANCHILD IS MY FRIEND?"
...YES
In dawn
I DO
ME, TOO--
MOTOHARU IS SO GOOD ~~~

GASP!
IT JUST TURNED 5:30
IT'S ALREADY PASSED CLOSING TIME
SORRY, WHAT'S THE TIME!?
ACK
THAT'S NOT IT!
GET UP
YOU WERE SLEEPING SO COMFORTABLY SO I COULD NOT BRING MYSELF TO WAKE YOU UP
CHUCKLE
HEE HEE
OH MY---
I'M--- SORRY---
BUT YOU SHOULD HAVE WOKEN ME

MORE-OVER, I HAD AN ULTERIOR MOTIVE
OKAY, OKAY I'LL TREAT YOU TO SOME-THING
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN
I JUST THOUGHT YOU ARE SO CUTE
AAH.
HMM?

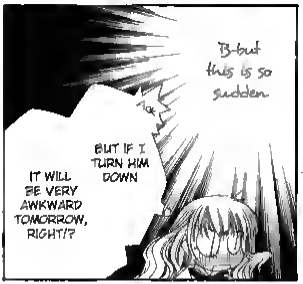
I LOVE YOU, SERIKA-SENPAI
PLEASE GO OUT WITH ME
EH?
EEH?
NO...
UHM
...!
The Hues of

FIRST EXPE-RIENCE
thump
thump
It's a confession.
A confession.
AH--
thump
CLENCH
How how should I reply?
NO, I'M SERIOUS
...A TRAP?
What should I say?
Don't go out of your mind! Calm down! This is so shameful!
thump
thump
thump
thump
Pride switch on!
THANK YOU, I'M VERY HAPPY
I ALSO LIKE YOU, AO-KUN
BUT I DON'T THINK OF YOU IN THE SAME WAY
And now I've been thinking about someone else for 12 years
SQUEEZE
thump

Squeeze
THEN PLEASE THINK ABOUT ME NOW
PLEASE THINK OF ME AS A MAN
PLEASE LOOK AT ME AS A MAN
Flustered
Flustered
Flustered
BU-... BUT...
I'M 2 YEARS YOUNGER THAN YOU
BUT
MY BACK IS ALSO SHORTER THAN YOURS
WILL YOU HAVE ME?

NO, I DON'T

BLUSH
He said it so easily


B-but this is so sudden
IT WILL BE VERY AWKWARD TOMORROW, RIGHT!?
BUT IF I TURN HIM DOWN

He heard us
How could you hear us?
NO THAT WAS ONLY
A FIGURE OF SPEECH I MEAN
H-

He thought have any bad intentions, right?
thump
thump
thump
thump
YOU REALLY DON'T MIND IT?
BEING YOUNGER THAN ME AND STUFF
Plus he's a good guy

Eek
BUT,
BUT,
But this is so absurd!
THEN PLEASE ANSWER ME BY THE TIME I FINISH COUNTING DOWN FROM 10.
10
9
8
7
6
5
4
3
2
1
What's with that?
NO WAY! WAIT.
WA-
AH,
AAARGH!
Eek

I'LL GO OUT WITH YOU, SO WAIT---!
ZE-
I'LL GO OUT WITH YOU!!
Huff
....!
Huff
Huff
THA-
THAT WAS SO SLY---!
Something like that.
I'M SORRY

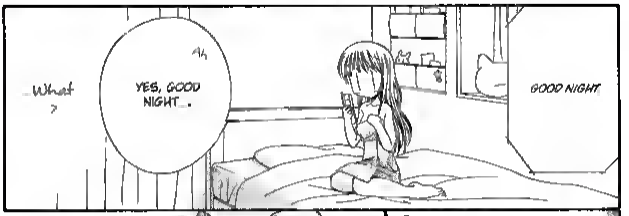
THAT'S BECAUSE I REALLY LOVE YOU.
WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT ME?
spaced out

When and where ~~?
OH MY...
OH MY
OH MY
BUT IT WAS LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT.
THAT'S A SECRET.
BUT HEY,
I GOT CAUGHT UP IN THE MOMENT, SO I SAID OK, BUT...
I WONDER WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IF WE GO OUT FOR REAL
AFU
FLINCH
SEX!? WE'RE GOING TO DO IT!?~
FROM MY SISTER'S STORIES OF HER EXPERIENCE.
EEK!

Translator's Note: Shoutim is a musical program that's broadcasted every Sunday evening on Japanese television.

Hya!
IT'S ME AOKI ARE YOU OKAY NOW?
YEAH I'M OKAY
WHAT'S WRONG?
I ONLY WANTED
TO SAY GOOD NIGHT TO YOU
Gya--!
THIS CONVERSATION, I'VE HEARD IT BEFORE!
FROM MY SISTER'S STORIES!
SOMEONE ACTUALLY SAID THIS TO ME!
Awesome!
Back in her old days
SENPAI?
Aoki
COULD IT BE THAT YOU'RE SHOCKED!?
Oh my
NO, I'M JUST... JUST EMBARRASSED
I'M EMBARRASSED TOO-- ACTUALLY, I'VE BEEN LOOKING AT THE PHONE FOR THE LAST 30 MINUTES
Aoki's
REALLY
ACHOO

AAH IT'S RATHER COLD TODAY
PLEASE GET WARM AND GO TO SLEEP, OKAY?
NO, I JUST GOT OUT OF THE BATH, AND I HAVEN'T CHAN-
OOPS
I'M STILL NOT DRY YET, SO
DO YOU HAVE A COLD?
I SNEEZED SO LOUDLY!
Gya
Achoo
Achoo
Achoo


...What?
AH, YES, GOOD NIGHT...
GOOD NIGHT

But
ROLL
The BIG GIRL thought that way
...And here I am, thinking that it'd be great if we can talk a bit more...
close
...It was
...in the heat
of the moment

AH.
It might turn out to be good.
I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT KEI-CHAN ALL THIS TIME BUT NOTHING CAME OUT OF IT
CHANGE OF ATTITUDE?
Is that what it's called?

KLAK
KLAK
KLAK
KLAK
LIBRARIAN
EMI-CHAAAN, I WANT TO COMPILE SOME DOCUMENTS IN THE LIBRARY--
ZZZTTTTT
It might turn out to be good
write
JEEZ- I TOLD YOU NOT TO WRITE DOUJINSHI AT YOUR WORK-PLACE
KLAK
KLAK
KLAK

...Somehow
I haven't checked it at one yet
YEAH--EVEN WHEN I PAY CLOSE ATTENTION, I STILL OVERLOOK THEM.
YOU'RE NOT GOOD AT READING AN ARTICLE ON THE MONITOR?
WHILE YOU'RE AT IT, COULD YOU LOOK FOR ANY TYPOS?
I've always been fine with someone reading my manuscript but this time...
He looks good with glasses.
thump
thump
WHY AM I SO EMBARRASSED ABOUT IT THIS TIME?
thump
thump
thump
eh-eto
FLINCH
WHAT?! IS SOMETHING WEIRD!?
NO, I ALSO NOTICED THE SAME THINGS, SO

Indeed. If not for this, the book wouldn't have been great
Ah, that's right. It's also very much me! And I would, too, don't I?
touch
This...
This guy!
UHMM...
UHM...
OKAY! I FINISHED IT!
Bravo me!
SWITCH BACK
AOKI-KUN, PLEASE PROOF-READ THIS FOR ME, TOO!

Ao-kun's fingers felt cool.
It felt so good..
Are we like that?
So
I'll print these out first
You used to work quite a lot, librarian
I can't hold out anymore so I'm—going to—sleep—
This is not good!
I'm looking so satisfied--!
Aren't
I can't be like this
ABOUT THE PREPARATORY OPERATION FOR CHECKING UP OUR BOOK COLLECTION FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS
I've got to be brisk and business-like!
WE WILL DO A THOROUGH COLLECTING OF ALL THE BOOKS THAT HASN'T YET BEEN RETURNED THIS SEMESTER.
FOR THIS INITIAL STAGE, WE WILL COLLECT THE BOOKS IN OUR OWN CLASSES.
IN CASES WHERE THE BOOKS ARE LOST, WE WILL MAKE THEM REPORT THE SITUATION EXACTLY.
As the older one on this relationship I must avoid looking indecent!

Kukuku
at this time
right before
the summer
holiday
Yes
About it...
WHAT ABOUT THE 3RD YEARS?
BUT IN TOUGHER CASES THE SENIORS WILL TAKE ACTION.
WE WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THEIR WEAKNESS -- THE STUDENT RECORD
Owaah
AND FIVE 1ST YEAR STUDENTS
THERE ARE FOUR 3RD YEAR STUDENTS WHO HAVEN'T RETURNED BOOKS
AMONG THESE FOUR ARE HABITUAL OFFENDERS AND ONE IS DOING THIS DELIBERATELY
EIGHT 2ND YEAR STUDENTS,
Ah
SEEERIKA, SORRY--- I FORGOT THE BOOK AGAIN
DELIBERATELY?
COME TO MY HOUSE TO TAKE IT TODAY---

Talk about favorite things.

Eating

I love rice. I love Koshihikari ★ I don't specifically care about the place that produces rice but the local rice that I bought when I went to a resort at Nasukougen was very good! The tasty rice was cooled down so it was even tastier! How fabulous. A friend of mine who was on a carbohydrate diet gave me the new rice that her family sent her so I was very happy. A carbohydrate diet sounds beneficial but it's definitely impossible for me.

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But I kind of love bread too. Recently I've become fond of the almond bread that is sold in carts. (Highly overly-cute stuff again.) I've never been to this place before but I love Saint Marc's mushroom bread too.. I wonder if I'll go there any time soon. Ah... I'm hungry now ★rumble★

Translator's Note: A kind of rice.

WHACK
SO IT'S YOU, TOOYAMA?
Huh? TOOYA-
WHY WE'RE AT IT AGAIN! WE'LL HAVE
Stop doing it
DON'T ADD MORE WORK FOR US
BRING THE BOOK HERE RIGHT NOW--!
DELI-BERATE-LY...
SUPER IDIOT?
REFRESHING
HOW'S THAT, K-CHAN? WHY DON'T YOU JUST GO OUT WITH HIM ON THIS OCCASION?
What!?
That's right
YOU MIGHT UNEXPECTEDLY SUIT EACH OTHER.
Even when you two go out, you always look like a couple!
Senka
They even said it in front of Asakura-!
YOU SEE, I'M ONLY INTERESTED IN A GUY WHO IS MORE REFINED, CLEVER, AND COMPETENT...
STOP SAYING THINGS LIKE THAT --!
I DON'T NEED SUCH A VULGAR GUY!
What are they saying--

What?
JUST GIVE UP ALREADY?
EH!
IT'S NO USE-- NOTHING WILL COME FROM AN AFFAIR WITH YOUR BROTHER-IN-LAW--
FIND HAPPINESS ELSEWHERE IF YOU DON'T LIKE TOOYAMA, HOW ABOUT AOKI?
STOP CHATTERING UNNECESSARILY!
ROAR
HURRY UP AND GO COLLECT THE BOOKS--!
---Thats' exactly like Ao-kun
Translation: I messed up big time.
uwaaah
She's so easy to read.
OKAY, OKAY. SO IN OTHER WORDS YOSHI! KEI IS THAT KIND OF PERSON, RIGHT?

roar
Hehehe...
ack
OKAY, BACK TO WORK. BACK TO WORK
AO'S LEGS ARE SO CUTE
A girl would kill for them
Hmm
SO IT'S REALLY ABOUT THAT? GUYS WITH LEGS MORE SLENDER THAN MINE ARE NO GOOD---?
How many other unnecessary things do they plan to say?
IDIOTS.
Fu---
A- a sigh !?
Uwaahn--! Uwaahn--!
I MEAN, IT'S NOTHING, REALLY.
I-I-IT DOESN'T BOTHER ME AT ALL.
...
EH.
UHM, A-AO-KUN!?
Blink blink
Eeek

JUST KIDDING.
A—
YOU'RE REALLY SO CUTE, SERIKA-SENPAI.
Aoki
I'M GOING BACK TO WORK.
Aoki ——!
I LOVE YOU A LOT.

BLUSH
Then that means it was our first kiss.
Was that a kiss? Have I just been kissed!?
UWAH!
UWAH!
IT WAS ONLY FOR A MOMENT. SO I COULDN'T REALLY TELL!
Is there such a kiss like this --?
SERI ---
EH?
YOU LOOK AWFULLY SATISFIED.

How is he~~?
sit down
THE NEWS BEFORE THIS WAS INTERESTING!
YOU JUST GOT A BOYFRIEND, DIDN'T YOU?
WATCHING TV IS FUN!
FOLLOWING A SERIES OF REBELLION BECAUSE OF OVERDUE PENSION PAYMENT THE MINISTRY--
YOU HAVE A TOUGH HOBBY HUH?
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO TOLD ME ALL ABOUT THEM YOURSELF.
WHAT? BUT YOU HEARD ALL ABOUT MY BOYFRIENDS--
IT DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH YOU, OKAY?
HEH--
IF I SAY THAT IT'S TRUE IT MUST BE TRUE!
THAT'S RIGHT-- IT'S WRITTEN ALL OVER HER FACE
SECCHAN HAS A BOYFRIEND?

Either of the wedding goods or gifts?
I SEE
THAT'S RIGHT, THE CRABS JUST ARRIVED
Let's eat everyone
YAY--
CRABS
THE EDITORIAL COMMITTEE AT MY WORK SENT THEM TO US AS A CELEBRATORY GIFT FOR OUR MARRIAGE
THEY ARE BLUE KING CRABS.
I PESTERED THEM FOR IT.
Since they said that anything is fine
Hey you
WHAT KIND OF CONGRATULATORY GIFT IS THIS?

SENPAI? WHAT HAPPENED?
pat pat
Then I'm gonna head
Okay, thanks for your hard work
SOMEHOW I REMEMBERED IT AGAIN. I STILL HAVE LINGERING FEELINGS FOR IT.
That's underhanded of me.
I'm sorry. I'm sorry.
GRAB
?
OF COURSE, IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE HERE SERIKA-SENPAI
WHY ARE YOU STILL HERE, AO-KUN?
YOU'RE NOT ON DUTY TODAY RIGHT?
EH?

-*- End of chapter 1a -*-

IT'S OKAY---I'LL GO HOME ALONE---
sob sob
sniff
GRAB
Aaaa aargh
—AO-KUN.
kuu kuu kuu
I'm sorry, I'm just not used to this--
NO---LET'S GO HOME TOGETHER!
OKAY?
drag drag drag
Why is he so calm and composed about this?
I have my pride as a girl! Other girls are probably right on schedule & fine!
I STILL HAVEN'T FINISHED WRITING IN THE JOURNAL
Really?! how mortifying!
grin grin grin
SHALL WE GO HOME NOW?
Everyone's gone home after all
fidgety fidgety

YOU ALWAYS SMELL SO GOOD, SENPAI
Uwaah!
Uwaah!
AO-KU--N?
HE---Y?
WAI-
This is
Eek!
Eeeek!
Gya-!
GYA-!
My lips are sealed

run
run
run
run
run
RUN
blush
THUMP
F-
THUMP
THUMP
If you want to do it just do it--!
FLINCH
SKIP
THANK GOODNESS, YOU'RE STILL HERE
PAPERS?
I'D REALLY APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD GO BUY SOME PAPERS FOR ME IT'S FOR MY PERSONAL USE
PLEASE
Sorry
WHAT IS IT, EMI-CHAN?
TODAY IS THE LAST DAY OF THE 40% OFF SALE

I WISH YOU'D GO BUY THEM AND BRING THEM HERE FOR ME. I'LL GIVE YOU MONEY FOR THE COST OF TRAVELING AND A TIP. SO PLEASE--?
THERE'S A CONVENTION THIS SUNDAY, BUT I HAVE A STAFF MEETING RIGHT NOW
Thank's master!
THE KIND THAT YOU USE FOR YOUR DOLLJINSHI?
You plan on selling dojinshi?
HUMMM
HUMMM
OKAY, OKAY—
IF YOU PUBLISH YOUR NEW BOOK, BE SURE TO GIVE ME A COPY
Thank you
IT'S GOING TO BE FUN, SO YOU TWO SHOULD GO TOGETHER
I'M NOT SURE IF WE'RE MAKING A PROFIT OR SUFFERING A LOSS HERE
Gossip Gossip
SHE GAVE US MONEY FOR TRAVELING AND A TIP,
BUT WE HAD TO STAND IN LINE FOREVER FOR THE DISCOUNTED STUFF--
That was so foolish.

AHAHAHA, CARRYING NEARLY 10KG OF PAPERS? THAT'S SO NOT ROMANTIC---
I NEVER WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT OUR FIRST DATE WOULD BE RUNNING AN ERRAND FOR SOMEONE ELSE
Is this how I should feel when I'm told that?
BLUSH
A date?!
—Wait.
MAY WE DROP BY A BOOKSTORE?
SURE I ALSO WANT TO HAVE A LOOK AT THE NEW BOOKS---
Wow~
He's looking so cool and composed! I'm also looking as if everything's fine!!!
What should I do? I'm become so nervous.

Mystery
REALLY?
I MEAN, HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?
IT'S THE TYPE OF BOOK THAT YOU TEND TO LIKE, SO I SUPPOSE YOU'LL LIKE IT.
I RECOMMEND THAT BOOK.

but just now, I was so frightened I thought I could die...
ANY OTHER FEELING WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER THAN BEING FRIGHTENED

I'M SORRY.
No,
That's not the only thing!
It's the only thing I won't give you!
You're hoarding them all to yourself!
YOUR READING PREFERENCE IS NO EXCUSE!
WHEN IT COMES TO WORKS THAT YOU LIKE YOU NEVER LEAVE THEM TO ANYONE ELSE, RIGHT?
WHILE WRITING THE REVIEWS AT THE LIBRARY

JUST A JOKE- I JUST WANT TO KNOW THE THINGS THAT INTEREST THE GIRL THAT I LIKE
I-
I'M SORRY
sigh
TOP OF THAT, YOU PUSH THE GENRES THAT YOU DON'T LIKE TO OTHERS--- IT REALLY GIVES ME A HARD TIME

T/N: THE WORD SEKKA USED MEANS KIND OF LIKE CRITICIZING. WHILE AOKI MEANT TO HAVE SEX (IT'S MUCH MILDER THOUGH) IT'S THE SAME WORD BUT IT HAS A DIFFERENT MEANING. ANYHOW I CAN'T SEE HOW I CAN MAKE THE PUN WORK IN ENGLISH T_T
AO-KUN? ARE YOU TRYING TO FLATTER ME OR LAY ME DOWN*?
I WANT TO LAY YOU DOWN*
WELL, OF COURSE
WHAT WAS I READING THEN? IT CAN'T BE THAT OR OR THAT WHAT WOULD I DO IF IT WAS THAT BOOK?
Gulp
WELL, I WAS SURPRISED WHEN I HAD A FIRST PEEK AT THE BOOK IN YOUR HAND AND IT TURNED OUT TO BE AN EROTIC, GROTESQUE HORROR BOOK!
A-
ARE YOU PLAYING WITH WORDS?
Wink
YES, I AM
THE LITTLE HOUSE
THEN READ THIS ONE
GUY IS SO-
GEEZ, THIS

MY DECEASED GRANDMA BOUGHT THIS FOR ME
IT'S THE FAIRY TALE THAT I LOVE THE MOST
Somehow
Then let's use the gift we were given to buy it
Eh?! Is it okay?
Some thing
is making me feel light headed with happiness
it feels great like this
We should've returned it at the first address we went to, right?

STAB
SENPAI?
I wonder if this is what they call love...?
if by any chance I'm really in love, then Ka-chan
I'm starting to grin happily
What the heck am I thinking?
.....
ARE YOU ANGRY ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED JUST NOW?
blush
EH!
I mean it made me feel really great!
EH? NO!
I mean, I just thought about
I WAS JUST SURPRISED
I'M NOT ANGRY!

Something that happened Soooooooo long ago
So... SORRY.
Geez
You're so obstinate!
I—I
That wasn't me!
But it sounded exactly like your voice
This voice...
I'll let you if you keep on at it!
DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO STOP IT?
LET'S TAKE SOME PHOTOS AT LEAST---
WE CAN JUST RENT THE DRESS, SO PUT IT ON
YOU WANT TO TAKE PHOTOS THAT MUCH, YOU CAN JUST TAKE PHOTOS OF THE MANNEQUIN---

TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
Liwa
YOUR SISTER?
Your voices are exactly the same!

WHAT? YOU'RE ON A DATE?
Oh?
NO, I'M---

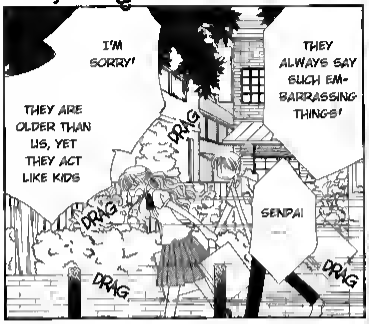
HELLO
Ack!
--if I say that I'm not I will hurt Aa-kun!

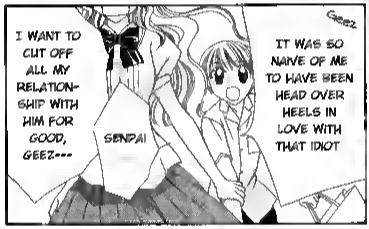
Thank you
OH MY
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR WEDDING
I'M A COMMITTEE MEMBER AT THE LIBRARY, JUST LIKE SERIKA-SENPAI MY NAME IS AOKI TAIKI

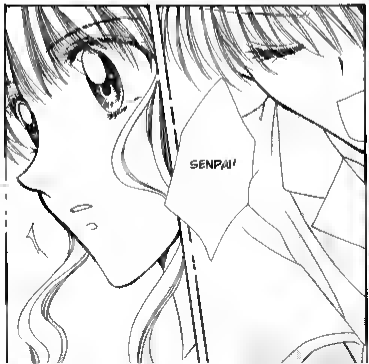
SECCHAN-
TURNS
Ooh
SERI--
AROUND
Geh!

A MALE'S ROMANTIC ALLIANCE
Hes looking like that again
But why?
HMM?
HE TOLD ME TO WEAR A WEDDING DRESS NO MATTER WHAT
By the way
MAYBE NEXT YEAR--
WHEN DO YOU PLAN TO HAVE A CHILD?
Ao-kun--! You're wonderful!
You were able to meet my sister's expectations!
But I'm sorry. I'm really sorry!
I'M SURE THAT HE, LIKE ME, WANTS TO SEE THE GIRL HE LOVES IN A WEDDING DRESS
Yes
HOLD ON, SIS!
WHAT DO YOU THINK? AS A GUY OF THE NEXT GENERATION?
ICCHAN
You're 12, Jen's younger then him so you belong to the next generation!
What?!
SECCHAN IS ALSO MY ALLY!
JUST HAVING ONE ALLY AND YOU'RE ALREADY SO STUCK UP!
HEH?
Right--
See?
Don't wanna be in that silence, though...

SECCHAN ALSO TOLD ME THAT SHE WANTS TO WEAR A WEDDING DRESS
SAY IT AGAIN, SECCHAN
BECAUSE SHE WON'T LISTEN TO ANYONE OTHER THAN YOU
...THAT WAS ONLY SOMETHING I SAID WHEN I WAS VERY SMALL
THIS IS YOUR OWN PROBLEM, ISN'T IT? YOU ARE HUSBAND AND WIFE AFTER ALL
IF YOU WANT TO DISCUSS SUCH AN EMBARRASSING MATTER, DO IT AT HOME!


I'M SORRY!
THEY ALWAYS SAY SUCH EMBARRASSING THINGS!
THEY ARE OLDER THAN US, YET THEY ACT LIKE KIDS
DRAG
DRAG
DRAG
DRAG
SENPAI


I WANT TO CUT OFF ALL MY RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM FOR GOOD, GEEZ---
SENPAI
Geez...
IT WAS SO NAIVE OF ME TO HAVE BEEN HEAD OVER HEELS IN LOVE WITH THAT IDIOT

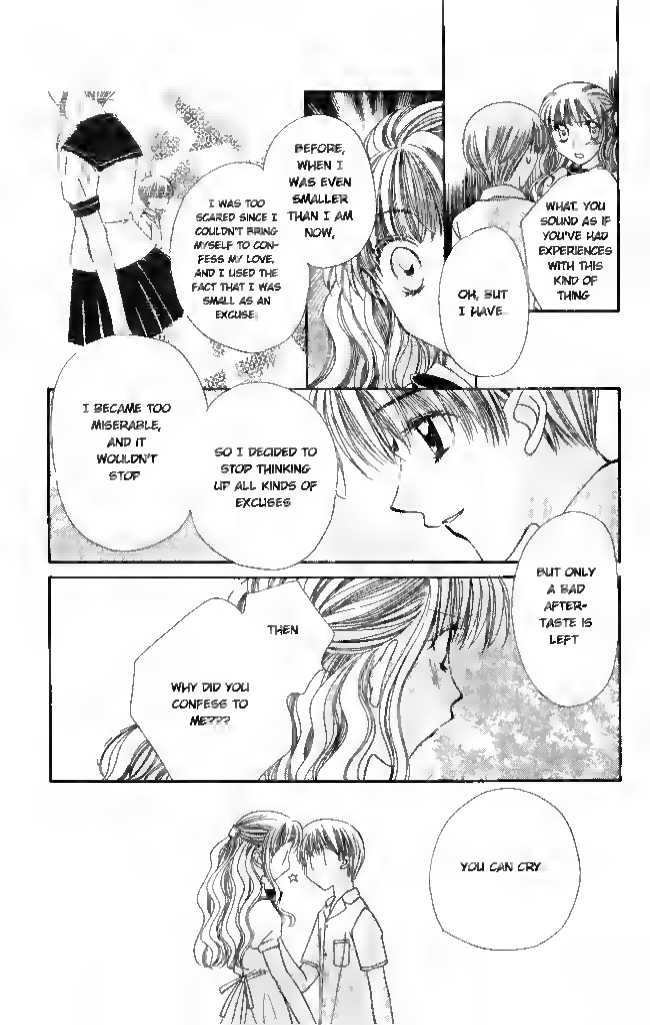

SENPAI!

I'm such a completely stupid girl
THOSE LOVE-BIRDS...!

IT'S OKAY TO CRY.
I CAN EVEN LAUGH ABOUT IT NOW.
---- NO, I TOLD YOU THAT I'M FINE NOW.
See?
I CAN BE LIKE THIS NOW, WHICH MEANS I WASN'T REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT HIM.
YOU'RE ONLY PUTTING ON A SHOW.
YOU REALLY DID LOVE HIM, DIDN'T YOU?
IT WAS A SADNESS THAT WAS UNBEARABLE AND VEXING, WAS IT NOT?

Don't dig up old wounds--!
YOU CAN'T PRETEND ABOUT SOMETHING EVEN IF IT ISN'T SO.
YOU MAY MAKE UP A SEEMINGLY PLAUSIBLE REASON, BUT YOU ARE JUST DECEIVING YOURSELF.
THERE'S NO MEANING IN IT EVEN IF YOU ACTUALLY SAY IT AND SOUND HONEST.
THEN YOU ARE FINE WITH THIS?
...YOU'RE WRO-

...because I can't help but laugh it off
I'M TELLING YOU TO PRETEND THAT YOU DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING!
I can't help but pretend to be strong...
AND I'M TELLING YOU THAT YOUR RESISTANCE IS USELESS.
DON'T SAY THINGS THAT WILL DISCOURAGE ME WHEN I'M TRYING THIS HARD TO HOLD IT INSIDE!
I CAN'T HELP BUT LEAVE IT BEHIND!
I CAN'T REALLY PUT IT INTO WORDS...


WHAT, YOU SOUND AS IF YOU'VE HAD EXPERIENCES WITH THIS KIND OF THING
OH, BUT I HAVE...
BEFORE, WHEN I WAS EVEN SMALLER THAN I AM NOW,
I WAS TOO SCARED SINCE I COULDN'T BRING MYSELF TO CONFESS MY LOVE, AND I USED THE FACT THAT I WAS SMALL AS AN EXCUSE
I BECAME TOO MISERABLE, AND IT WOULDN'T STOP
SO I DECIDED TO STOP THINKING UP ALL KINDS OF EXCUSES
BUT ONLY A BAD AFTER-TASTE IS LEFT
THEN
WHY DID YOU CONFESS TO ME???
YOU CAN CRY

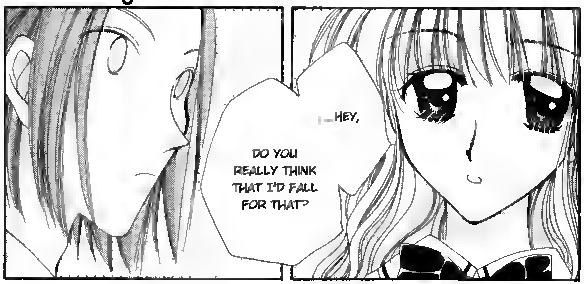
IF YOU CRY IT ALL OUT,
YOU CAN GET PAST YOUR UN-REQUITED LOVE...
!
FU --
HA HA HA --
AHAHAHA-
HAHA-
HA
SENPAI-?
HAHA-

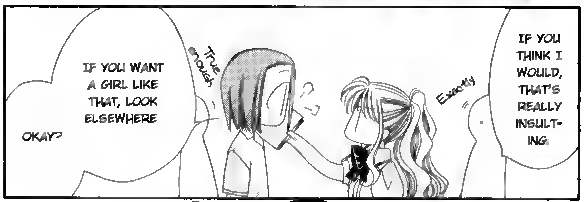
My love, which was full of self-ishness
was not serious
I DON'T WANT TO BE PITIED
It didn't work out simply because it was bound to be so
That's why I couldn't even cry
What was real? How much was real?
I UN-DER-STAND
HOW-EVER,
Uuh-
H-
HOW UNCOOL-
TH- THAT'S BECAUSE IT'S EMBAR-RASSING TO BE RE-JECTED
I-

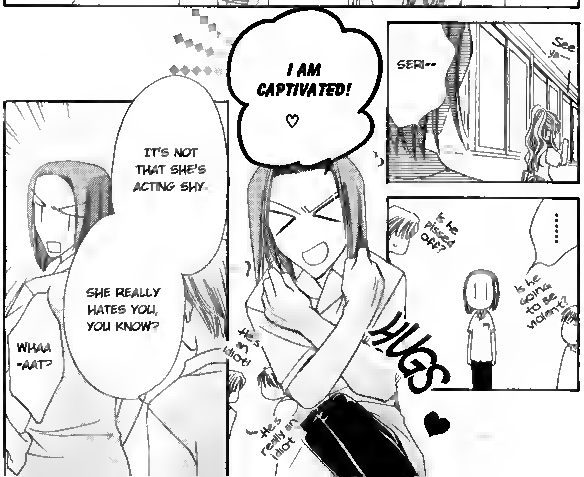
But I actually wanted to cry.
WHAT WAS REAL? HOW MUCH WAS REAL?
THAT'S YOUR TRUE FEELING, ISN'T IT?
I told you
DON'T DIG UP OLD WOUNDS-!

...His warmth Sniff is so re-assuring...
M-My nose is runn-nny...
blow
sniff
That's right.
I wanted to cry---.

Maybe this is why people fall in love.
SERIKA, SERIKA---
♡
YEAH!
I BROUGHT THE BOOK TODAY!
SO LET'S DO IT!
♡
……


HEY,
DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT I'D FALL FOR THAT?


IF YOU WANT A GIRL LIKE THAT, LOOK ELSEWHERE
OKAY?
True enough.
Exactly
IF YOU THINK I WOULD, THAT'S REALLY INSULTING.


I AM CAPTIVATED!
♡
IT'S NOT THAT SHE'S ACTING SHY.
SHE REALLY HATES YOU, YOU KNOW?
WHAA -AAT?
SERI--
Is he pissed off?
Is he going to be violent?
.....
She's so kind!
She's really an idiot.
HUGS

I want to be happy.
SO CUTE— ♡
YOU SHRIMP!
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S OVERLY CUTE HERE HEY, WAIT UP!
TOOYAMA-SENPAI, YOU DO KNOW WHAT TYPE OF GIRL SHE IS, DON'T YOU!?
...?
YOU ARE PRETTY WHOLE-HEARTED YOURSELF, HUH?

IT'S ABOUT THE ARRANGEMENT ON THIS SHELF
WELL?
DO YOU HAVE A MOMENT, SENPAI?
This time, I will surely fall in love.

Smooch...
Sigh

Y-
I want to smile

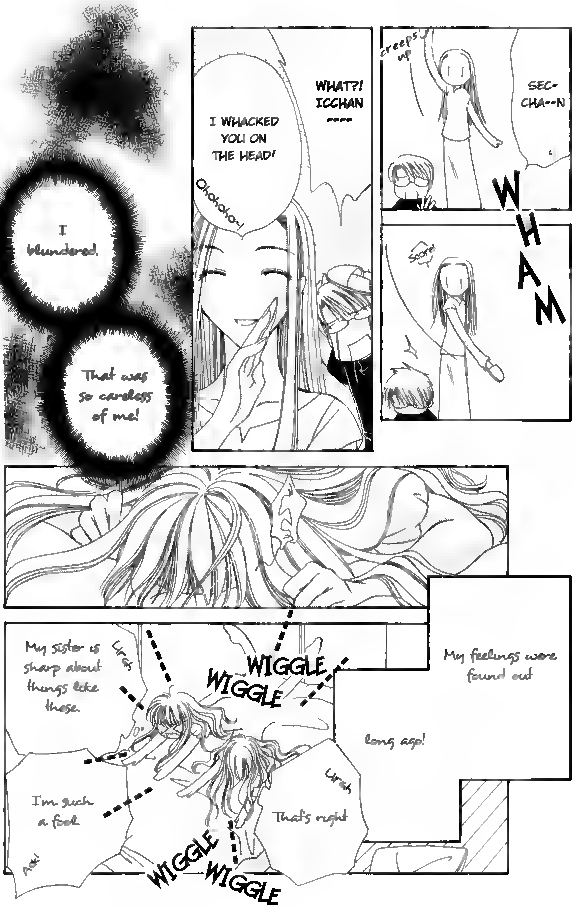
and tell him that I love him
HEY, AO-KUN-
EXCUSE ME IS THERE A MEMBER OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE HERE--?
YES,
thump thump thump
Oh, sorry, what were you trying to say?
It's nothing.
I already know that I won't be turned down, but why am I still so nervous?
SOB SOB SOB
Hmm?

SEE, EVER SINCE YOU WERE SMALL, YOU'VE BEEN READING NOTHING BUT THE BOOKS ON MY BOOKSHELVES
SF and mystery and such
I STOPPED WHEN I STARTED JUNIOR HIGH
Okay move it!
You're in the way!
Well, actually half the time it was only an excuse to go to Kaichan's house.
EH?
SNATCH
I still haven't finished reading it yet.
WHY ARE YOU READING MY BOOK?
I MEAN, YOU'RE IDLING AROUND AGAIN
SO YOU'RE READING THIS KIND OF STORY RECENTLY, SECHAN.
Romance Novel
THAT'S RIGHT. YOU'RE GOING TO BE A COLLEGE STUDENT NEXT YEAR AFTER ALL.
thud
Why is he suddenly ?
RIGHT AND YOU JUST REALIZED IT.
.....
I am.

IS IT GOING WELL WITH YOUR BOY-FRIEND WHOM I MET JUST THE OTHER DAY?
WHAT?!
Come on
THAT CUTE. WHAT'S HIS NAME AGAIN?
DON'T CALL HIM CUTE.
It's true that he's cute but still
Hmm— Okay.
THEN, I GUESS IT'S ALL GOOD BETWEEN YOU TWO
WHAAAT?!?!
HOW SHOULD I SAY IT...?
...WELL-

DO YOU REALLY LOVE HIM?
His intuition—
SEC-CHAN?
PUNCH PUNCH PUNCH PUNCH PUNCH
ring ring ring
He knows it—
HELLO, IS THIS THE EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT OF NOVEL FANTASY?
YOSHI-SENSEI IS AT HIS WIFE'S REAL HOUSE* RIGHT NOW!!!
Eeek!!!
PLEASE HURRY UP AND COME AND TAKE HIM AWAY ♡
SECCHAN, YOU MEANIE--
I'M NOT!

T/N REAL HOUSE AS IN HER HOUSE BEFORE SHE GOT MARRIED


I blundered.
That was so careless of me!
I WHACKED YOU ON THE HEAD!
Ohohoho!
WHAT?! ICCHAN ----
creeps up
SEC- CHA--N
WHAM
score
My sister is sharp about things like these.
Urrk
WIGGLE
WIGGLE
My feelings were found out long ago!
I'm such a fool
Urrk
That's right
Aw!
WIGGLE
WIGGLE

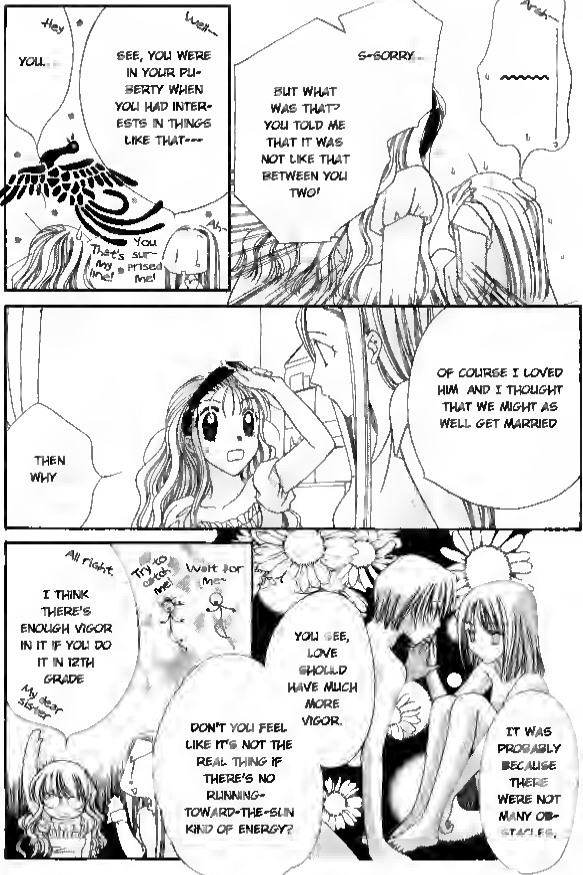
Then that
Are you becoming a priest?
MEANS THAT?!
Unuh! Unuh!
HOW VEXING!
DON'T JOKE WITH ME! DAMN IT! THERE'S NO WAY THAT COULD BE TRUE!
I'VE GOT TO...
"I already knew that I won't be turned down."
GOT TO
Can't I say it right out that I love you like that?

My love is filled with selfishness
ring ring ring ring ring ring
SERIKA-SENPAI?
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE CALLED ME UP
YES?

WHAM
Huh?
TAIKI, DINNER...
Uwah!
"Sorry."
HEY, TAIKI?!
What's up?
"Let's break up."
Damn it she
she doesn't understand anything at all!

I feel awful...
dazed
There's no doubt about it I love him, but...
I can't even face him.
SNEAK UP
SE--RI?
PICK MY EARS FOR ME ♡
GO DIE.
DO IT FOR ME? ♡
I DON'T CARE
PRETTY PLEASE ---?
Okay?
Okay?
NUDGE
NUDGE
.....

She's a devil, a devil!
SIGH--THIS IS PARADISE
AH, YES, THERE, THERE. ♡
I WILL VOMIT ON YOUR BOOKSHELF
I'm pregnant.
STOP IT!
Don't make fun of me!
I DIDN'T FIND ANYONE LIKE THAT IN THE END, I CAME BACK TO MY STARTING POINT.
YOU SHOULD HAVE MARRIED A MAN WHO'S GOOD AT EAR-PICKING.
falls over
NEXT WILL BE THE OTHER EAR.
Push
EEK!
KEI AND I HAD SEX WHEN I WAS IN 12TH GRADE.
WHAT?

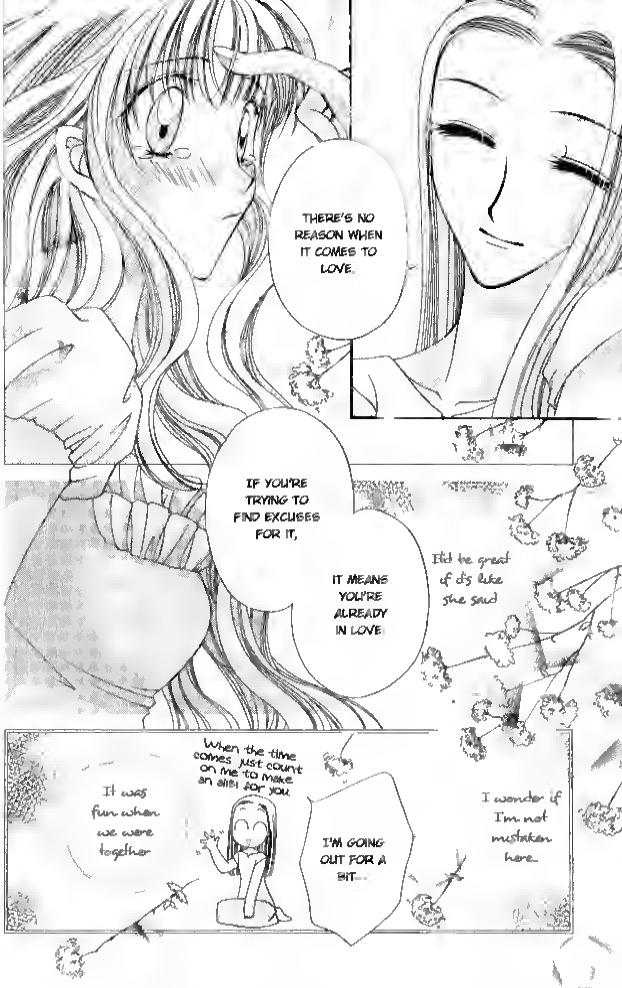

Hey
YOU...
Uwa—
SEE, YOU WERE IN YOUR PUBERTY WHEN YOU HAD INTERESTS IN THINGS LIKE THAT---
That's my line!
You surprised me!
Ah...
S-SORRY...
BUT WHAT WAS THAT? YOU TOLD ME THAT IT WAS NOT LIKE THAT BETWEEN YOU TWO!
Ahh...
OF COURSE I LOVED HIM AND I THOUGHT THAT WE MIGHT AS WELL GET MARRIED
THEN WHY
All right.
I THINK THERE'S ENOUGH VIGOR IN IT IF YOU DO IT IN 12TH GRADE
My dear sister
Try to catch me!
Wait for me~
Sigh
YOU SEE, LOVE SHOULD HAVE MUCH MORE VIGOR.
DON'T YOU FEEL LIKE IT'S NOT THE REAL THING IF THERE'S NO RUNNING-TOWARD-THE-SUN KIND OF ENERGY?
IT WAS PROBABLY BECAUSE THERE WERE NOT MANY OBSTACLES.

Well, I broke up with her. You?
SNICK
Hey, how have you been?
Well you think so?
BUT WE DIDN'T BECOME LOVERS
WE ALSO HAD SEX WHEN WE DIDN'T GO OUT WITH ANYONE, THOUGH.
AND THEN WE BOTH WENT OUT WITH LOTS OF PEOPLE.
Same. Hey let's go play—
Cool

...THAT SOUNDS EVEN MORE FOOLISH THAN ALL YOUR LOVE STORIES THAT YOU TOLD ME UP UNTIL NOW.

YOU'RE RIGHT. IT'S EVEN MORE FOOLISH
THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T TELL YOU.

IT WAS PROBABLE THAT WE WERE NOT CONTENTED WITH THE BLESSED SITUATION THAT WE WERE IN
IT WAS TOO SIMPLE, IT MADE US FEEL AS IF IT LOOKED CHEAP AND WE DIDN'T LIKE IT
BUT IT WAS EXACTLY THAT LINE OF THINKING THAT CHEAPENED IT.


THERE'S NO REASON WHEN IT COMES TO LOVE.
IF YOU'RE TRYING TO FIND EXCUSES FOR IT,
IT MEANS YOU'RE ALREADY IN LOVE.
It'd be great if it's like she said
I'M GOING OUT FOR A BIT...
When the time comes just count on me to make an alibi for you.
It was fun when we were together
I wonder if I'm not mistaken here.

You should have loved my myths like those of Sanskrit
Oooh...
SERI-KAAA? ♥
However
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
It was pleasant when we could feel each other
woosh
SORRY! I'M IN A HURRY!
IS IT FATE THAT WE MEET AT SUCH A PLACE? SHALL WE GO SOMEWHERE TO PLAY?
GRAB
What?!
I HAVE SOME SERIOUS THING TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT...
HEY WAIT!

I SERIOUSLY LOVE YOU.
BUT... I...
IT'S HIGH TIME THAT YOU FORGET ABOUT THAT WRITER BASTARD.
HE'S A DULLARD WHO DIDN'T NOTICE YOUR FEELINGS.
I SEE...
flush
I WILL MAKE YOU FORGET ABOUT HIM.
Tooyama is the same as me.
TOOYAMA, I--

twitch
OUCH!
AO-KUN?!
...FOR A LONG TIME, YOU'VE MADE ME FEEL VERY UNPLEASANT
BUT THERE'S ONE THING I NEED TO THANK YOU ABOUT.
THIS GUY IS AWESOME
HE'S THIS SMALL, BUT HIS NAME IS TAIKI
Natsuru Tooyama already 180cm
Ao only 150cm
I don't hear anything. I don't hear anything. I don't hear anything. I don't hear anything.
DON'T YOU THINK HE WAS GIVEN THE WRONG NAME?
HIS PARENTS REALLY HAD TOO MUCH EXPECTATION, HUH? HOW PITIFUL---
whack

WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING, SERIKA?
IF YOU'RE SO BIG, WHY DON'T YOU MAKE YOURSELF USEFUL?
IF YOU UNDERSTAND MY WORDS, THEN HURRY UP AND GO ORGANIZE THE ENTERING PARADE!
wham
YOU ARE SO ANNOYING!
A MAN'S VALUE IS JUDGED BY WHAT HE DOES WHAT HE DOES!
FROM THAT DAY ONWARD,
I MARKED THE DAY UNTIL I'D MEET YOU ONCE AGAIN

WHAT...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, YOU LITTLE SHRIMP?
I mean, I should be saying those words!
Gasp
SO I HAVE NO INTENTION OF GIVING YOU UP
OR GIVING YOU TO SOMEONE ELSE
I MEAN, DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH
YOUNGER
I'M SORRY, AO-KUN!

I'M SORRY
I'M SORRY
I'M SORRY
...WH-

AH?
WHICH ONE OF US ARE YOU APOLOGIZING TO?!
Which of us?!
EH?
IT'S OB-VIOUS!

Shocked
I'M SORRY, TOOYAMA
Just
SO IT'S COME TO THIS?
I'm just where did her ex-boyfriend go?
Just like that?
YOU...
YOU WILL DEFINITELY REGRET IT!
THAT GUY IS THE ONE WHO'S MADE FUN OF MOST IN OUR SCHOOL
I mean, I'm better at sex than him!
NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT HIM, HE'S A VIRGIN!
I don't mind it even if he's a virgin.
Stop saying all those things!

I-!
I will take you back in the blink of an eye--!
I won't stand for this--!
She was never yours to begin with.
...Well, he's not really a bad guy anyhow.
That's because I was angry
I know
Did that make you take the matter seriously now?
Urgh-

EH-?
...YOUR ARM...
IS GETTING RED--
I
Eek
I've got to say it
U-UHM...
YOU KNOW, I...

I
I-
It's...
SERIKA-SENPAI?
These who can confess are so awesome!
I respect them for that alone!
It's so embarrassing!

Ah
DO YOU LOVE ME?
.....
This feeling...
an obstinate coward
I LOVE YOU.

So please
seek me out
THIS IS SUCH A SHOCK!
IT'S STILL SO EARLY--- FOR HER TO HAVE A BOY-FRIEND--
sob
sob
sob
BUT JUST THE OTHER DAY, SHE STILL WENT KEI-CHAN, KEI-CHAN--
Just continue working!
Huh
YOU DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO SAY THAT!
Moreover, you're so slow!

OSUTEKI DARLIN (LOVELY DARLING)
VOLUME 01 CHAPTER 001

WOW... THIS IS THE VERY FIRST
CHAPTER THAT I'VE CONTRIBUTED TO THAT
HAS HAD A LIP-TO-LIP KISS IN IT... SO
SO TELLS YOU A LOT ABOUT WHAT KIND
OF MANGA I USUALLY EDIT... =P

SPECIAL THANKS TO:
OSAKA FOR DOING SUCH A GREAT
JOB ON THIS CHAPTER DESPITE THE
FACT THAT IT'S HER VERY FIRST
TIME EDITING ^_^

[-TII-CHAN

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PROOF READER: LACAILLE
EDITOR: OSAKA
QUALITY CHECKER: TII CHAN

OSUTEKI DAAAIN VOLUME 01 CHAPTER 010

SHOULD I BE SUAAAIKED AT THE ACTIONS OF HIGH SCHOOLERS NOW? ^^ ANYWAY THIS IS PROBABLY THE LONGEST CHAPTER THAT I HAVE EVER EDITED. ENJOY!

- LACRILLE

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TRANSLATOR: ASAMINA
PROOFREADER: SILVERWOULFE
EDITOR: LACRILLE
QC: MIRAI^

RAWR
Why won't you release the next chapter?!
Can I help you?
What can I do to help?
Fan Girl
It's not like YOU helped out any...
We don't have enough translators or editors
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Osuteki Daarin
お素敵ダーリン
Lovely Darling
——恋と受験と夏休みの過ごし方——
how to spend your love, your exam, and your summer vacation

CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP
AH~ THERE...
...IS THIS PLACE OKAY?
MMNN...
SENPAI, I'M AT MY LIMIT NOW...!
EH! NO WAY!

NO, YOU CAN'T STOP NOW. MORE...!
AH— MY HANDS ARE CRAMPED.
I CAN'T.
IT'S NOT GOOD TO RUB THEM TOO MUCH EITHER, YOU KNOW.
YOUR STIFF SHOULDERS, THAT IS.
NOOOO!
JUST THREE MINUTES MORE!!
NO CAN DO
THROB
THROB
THROB
HEY! STOP CARRYING ON THAT DOUBLE-MEANING CONVERSATION!
NAH!
THAT'S BECAUSE IT FELT INCREDIBLY GOOD!
Ah-hun is a Genius at Massage.
Ah-hah!

During summer vacation the library is open until 1 pm
I WON'T DO IT I DON'T CARE IT'S CLOSING TIME SO PLEASE GET OUT
AO!
HANDS
PUSHING
PUSH FORWARD
T-that good!?
THAT GOOD
GULP
How useless! Only Kai gets to be rescued!
Do it as a special service for us examinees
Just a bit is fine~
Nyaa~
Rush me!
Nyaa~
Rush me!
Nyaa~
Hey your afternoon science supplementary lesson with Ms. is about to start!
GEEZ—
SORRY
Gimme a break and come here, I'll teach you!
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID IT SO CARELESSLY
nyaa!
He's Aoki Taiki-kun.
MY HANDS EXIST FOR YOU SENPAI!

I'm Kabara Seruka.
It's our secret that he's actually my 2-years-younger darling.
Hmm?
REALLY
yes
REALLY?
OF COURSE IT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE YOU FEEL GOOD, SENPAI.
fondle
fondle
fondle
Are they really FOR ME?
Those hands of yours?
I LOVE YOU
One month ago,
he was just my cute, serious, competent #1 kouhai.
..!
You are so...

Please go out with me.
Do you love me?
Aah, I love him!
Of course I love him!
It's just that
I never thought he was such a perverted kid—!
Since I discovered love, this kind of perverted-ness started so—
Ahh, I feel a bit unsettled.
I SEE BLACK RINGS UNDER YOUR EYES
Ufufu
YOU'RE WORN OUT FROM STUDYING?
Uwaaah
DON'T LOOK AT IT!
Do you get a grouch sleep every night?

This is my breathing space!
ANYHOW, THIRD YEARS ARE SUPPOSED TO RETIRE FROM THE DUTY IN THE FIRST PLACE
THAT'S WHY I TOLD YOU THAT EVEN IF YOU'RE ON DUTY AT THE LIBRARY DURING SUMMER VACATION YOU DON'T NEED TO COME.

THERE ARE SOME ALGEBRA PROBLEMS THAT I JUST CAN'T SOLVE, YOU SEE—

ANOTHER REASON IS THAT YOU GET TO MEET ME, RIGHT?

MOREOVER, I'M CONCERNED ABOUT SORTING OUT THE BOOK COLLECTION NEXT WEEK—

Because it's summer vacation,
our age difference makes it hard for us to get together
WHATEVER.
GEEZ, YOU'RE SO CUTE SENPAI
STEAM

But I dont mind
feeling a bit unsettled
SHALL WE GO EAT SOME SWEET THINGS ON OUR WAY HOME?
YOU'LL ARRIVE HOME A LITTLE LATE THOUGH
OKAY
It feels so good that I cannot stop myself
was I really this perverted?
Se—
ri—
ka—!
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
twitch
From the start I had quite a lot of superficial knowledge on sex despite my young age, all thanks to my sister
—but

What are you two doing all alone in there, locking the door like this?
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
Open up!
THIS VOICE
WITCH
I feel kind of guilty
Magic
Tooyamagga!
WHACK
HUGGLES
WHAT THE
WHY ON EARTH
YOU GOT IT ALL WRONG
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?! DID THAT LITTLE GUY DO SOMETHING NASTY TO YOU?!

I'M THE LEADER OF THE "PROTECTING KAIBARA SERIKA'S CHASITY** COMMITTEE" OF NORTH JAPAN
WHAT?
THAT'S BECAUSE I'M THE LEADER
GET UP
North... I WONDER IF THAT'S TOO BIG OR TOO SMALL A REGION
FOR THAT PURPOSE, I WILL DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER WHILE BEING BY YOUR SIDE TO POTECT YOUR CHASITY**, SERIKA!
right
PLUS, THAT KIND OF DEFENSE IS NOT ENOUGH
PRESIDENT, TOOYAMA SHUUICHI VICE PRESIDENT, TOOYAMA SHUUICHI BUSINESS MANAGER, TOOYAMA SHUUICHI IN CHARGE OF PR, TOOYAMA SHUUICHI
... I DON'T NEED AN EXAMINEE WHO CAN'T EVEN SPELL WORDS LIKE CHASTITY PROTECT AND AT ANY TIME
TREMBLE
Recruiting members at anytime**!
TREMBLE
Hmm
In order to make yours only members
TREMBLE
WHACK
TO MEDDLE WITH MY BUSINESS!!!

**TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: WORDS WRITTEN THAT WAY ON PURPOSE!

Talking about things I like

--*PLAYING*--

I finally cleared **FFI after I stopped playing it for a while when someone started calling me "mama-sensei" I'm going to clear FFIO and FFIO-2 right now I think I can do it now I'll have completed it after I beat ultima weapon I like Selphie I named Rinoa's dog "Tamako-san" it's a "Tamako-san Flash" My main Party is Squall, Rinoa, and Selphie. I think he should have two women by his side.

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The Tales of Symphonia has come out for the PS2. I've finished Tales of Destiny 2 too It's rare for me to actually like a male main characters, but I DO My main Party is Kyle, Reala, and Harold A man with 2 women by his side, it never changes.

**FINAL FANTASY ® FOR THOSE PEOPLE WHO DON'T PLAY VIDEO GAMES

I...
Okay
GRIDDING HARD
I must not remember what happened afterwards!!!
I must not! It's prohibited!!!
You erotic brat!
THERE'S A LIMIT TO HOW FAST YOU CAN MOVE!!!
IGNORE
Damn it!!
AND HERE I AM, KEEPING MYSELF IN CHECK ALL THIS TIME!
NO.
IT'D BE A CRIME IF YOU DIDN'T KEEP YOURSELF IN CHECK
SOB
SOB
SOB

Talking about things I like

→✻WATCHING✻←

I love watching Ishizaka kouji's "kindaichi kousuke series", and it's still currently airing on CATV. Even when I was a kid I've watched it lots of times, and even now that I'm older I can still enjoy it. It's great! Now, I'm looking forward to Ishizaka-san's son's latest work. Whatever it is. (Laughs) I love inugamike no ichizoku the best

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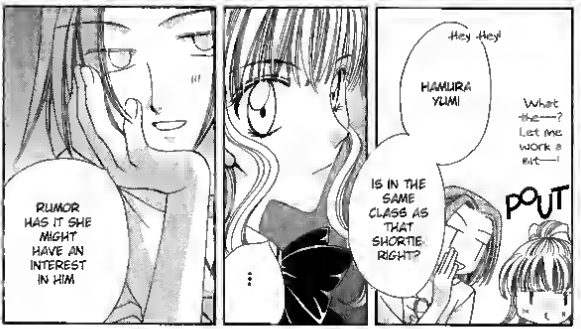
I'm so disappointed I missed episode 1 & 2 of stephen king's "kingdom hospital". I don't want to give the story away, but the antiteatre was amazing. You should really watch it if you get the chance.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH
MY CLUB MEETING TOOK SO LONG
AAH IT'S FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE CULTURAL FESTIVAL RIGHT?
YOU'RE IN THE COOKING CLUB, AREN'T YOU?
YES ALL THE THIRD YEARS ARE BUBBLING WITH ENTHUSIASM
IT'S LIKE A RULE AT OUR HIGH SCHOOL SO YES

WE LEAVE ALL THE DUTIES TO FIRST-YEARS AND SECOND-YEARS,
WHILE WE THIRD-YEARS JUST COMPLETELY PLAY AROUND.
IT'S MORE LIKE, "PLEASE DON'T GET INVOLVED IN SUCH BUSINESSLIKE MATTERS," ISN'T IT?
ALL RIGHT. JUST SIT DOWN, SENPAI.
LIFT

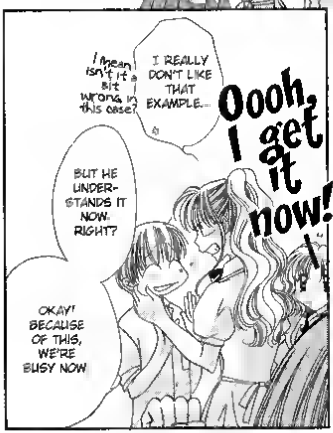

Hey Hey!
HANURA YUMI
What the—? Let me work a bit—!
POUT
IS IN THE SAME CLASS AS THAT SHORTIE, RIGHT?
...
RUMOR HAS IT SHE MIGHT HAVE AN INTEREST IN HIM

A PERFECT COUPLE, HOW GREAT!
So cute
THAT MUST BE IT. RIGHT?
RIGHT?
...I ALREADY KNOW THAT.
because she never fails to come here whenever A--kun is on duty
and she borrows every book that he'd read
Among the female library committee members this has become secretly famous
hehehe
THAT'S WHAT I SAID! GEEZ I'M SO...
YES!
AO-KUN, I'M LOOKING UP SOME INFO!
I NEED SOME INFO ABOUT THE LENDING OF "THE ARABESQUE OF TIME" BY HATTORI MAYUMI!
Uhm
AOKI-KUN, ABOUT THE UPCOMING FESTIVAL...
Hmm?
I'm sure Ao-kun has noticed it as well.

People should put books back to their original places after reading them!
Damn it!
They take the scenes out just because they want to check them out at H.
IT'S NOT HERE?
OR IT COULD HAVE BEEN STOLEN
CHACK
CHACK
CHACK
RIGHT NOW IT IS NOT BEING BORROWED
WHAT?!
YES, LIKE MAGAZINES AND STUFF IT DOESN'T HAPPEN MUCH WITH HARD COVERS THOUGH
IS THERE SOMEONE WHO WOULD STEAL FROM A LIBRARY?
WHAT?!
Yessss.
I HAVE A QUESTION
SOMEONE IS SELLING BOOKS STOLEN FROM LIBRARIES WITH HIGH PRICES ON THE INTERNET
Ah!
I'VE HEARD SOMETHING ABOUT THIS
IS THIS THE WORK OF A MANIAC?!
BUT THAT BOOK IS A FIRST EDITION
PLUS IT WAS PUBLISHED IN PAPERBACK SO OBTAINING A HARD COVER IS PRETTY DIFFICULT

**TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: I HAVE A BIT OF TROUBLE HERE. THIS GUY'S BAD AT KANJI, SO HE GOT THE WORD WRONG. INSTEAD OF SHOHAN (FIRST EDITION), HE SAID SHOHAI (FIST OFFENDER). I DON'T KNOW HOW TO MAKE IT WORK IN ENGLISH, SO IF YOU CAN THINK OF SOMETHING ELSE THAT WOULD FIT THE SITUATION MORE, I'D REALLY APPRECIATE IT.

IT'S NOT EVEN THAT OLD, IS IT?
BUT—
HEY!
Are you ignoring me?
.....
BUT WHAT'S IN THE BOOKS? WHY WOULD SOMEONE PAY SO MUCH MONEY FOR THEM?
I DON'T CARE IF IT'S A FIRST EDITION OR HARD COVER **


I REALLY DON'T LIKE THAT EXAMPLE...
I mean, isn't it a bit wrong in this case?
Oooh, I get it now!
BUT HE UNDERSTANDS IT NOW, RIGHT?
OKAY! BECAUSE OF THIS, WE'RE BUSY NOW

SAY, ABOUT SERIKA-SENPAI'S SWIMSUIT PHOTO COLLECTION— YOU HAVE THE POPULAR EDITION IN B5 SIZE
As a fan, what will you do? NOW, IF SOMEONE SAYS THAT HE'S SELLING THE FIRST EDITION IN B4 SIZE?
Plus, it's double-sized!
A treasure.
I WILL BUY IT NO MATTER WHAT!

Tooyama! So you're here, huh?
PUSH
PLEASE LEAVE THE ROOM NOW I APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS
ARGH! YOU SHRIMP!!!
YOU SAY THAT, BUT YOU ACTUALLY JUST WANT TO DO SOMETHING PERVERTED...
PUSH
I HAVE TO GIVE YOU SUPPLEMENTARY LESSONS IN SUCH HOT WEATHER, SO DON'T YOU DARE SKIP IT!!!
BIG BIG
Kyaa!
THEN, PLEASE EXCUSE ME.
Thank you!
SERIKA, I LOVE YOU!
YOU'RE SO LOUD!
LET'S SEE--- WHERE SHALL WE START FROM?
HERE.
click
Nyan!
WHY DON'T WE DECIDE IF IT'S A THEFT OR NOT AFTER SORTING OUT THE BOOK COLLECTION?
GLOMP

He noticed it
Ah!
He might be perverted
But even more than that he's kind
but he's REALLY good at this kind of thing
EH?
WHAT?
SNIFF
HMM---YOU SMELL GOOD
IT'S OUR PRECIOUS TIME TOGETHER. I WON'T LET ANYTHING GET IN THE WAY
-hmmmm-
!
uh-hmmmm
uh-hmmm
YOU SEE... ABOUT TOMORROW...
BECAUSE OF THE DAY TRIP WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL, MY PARENTS ARE GOING TO COME HOME LATE
WILL YOU GO TO MY PLACE?
SURE!

THERE'S NO WAY I'D MAKE THE FIRST MOVE MYSELF!
DETERMINED
YES!
AN IMMEDIATE REPLY?
He still remembers
that I love perverted stuff
I always wait for Ao-kun to make the first move.
He probably already noticed it
BUT!
Well
I'M A GIRL WHO'S FINE WITH READING STEAMY NOVELS, RIGHT?
BUT STEAMY NOVELS AND THIS ARE TWO DIFFERENT MATTERS!

THE END

I've really finished working this. Actually this manga was just requested by someone for me to do. It was only decided to be one volume. Thank you for letting me work on this. Anyways, I think I'm going to continue this manga the titles then would be:

"osuiteki Darling R"
"the Great osuiteki Darling"
"osuiteki Darling Fever"
"osuiteki Darling Continued"
"More osuiteki Darling"
"osuiteki Darling Returns"
"osuiteki Darling D"

I asked my friends what sounds the best. They just sighed from exhaustion. Next time we meet will be in the second volume.

Thank you for reading. See you!

2004 End of October,
Fukisaki Mato

THIS SHOULD BE GOOD ENOUGH PREPARATION FOR LUNCH.
I'll cook it later
BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP BEEP
OOPS!
It's almost time v.v
I've got to hurry or Ao-kun will be here soon
THE BATH... THE BATH...
MY PANTIES... MY PANTIES...
THEN DOES THAT MEAN THAT I'M REALLY WILLING TO DO IT? YES, I AM!
BLUSH
What are you going to do with that thing?
BECAUSE OF THIS, I CANNOT THINK ABOUT PERVERTED STUFF?
IT'S PROBABLY A BIT EMBARRASSING IF MY BED IS TOO NEAT
It will feel like I was already getting him
Kind of too much?
NO, IF IT'S TOO WRINKLED, IT WILL BE...

but I don't really want to confirm it either
the dilemma of a maiden
TO BEGIN WITH...
What if Aa-kun is actually into perverted stuff
because he thinks that I'm a girl who loves that kind of thing?
I THINK I DON'T LIKE THAT
I was the one who pretended to be super turbo
See, I'm older and I also have my pride
PING PONG PING PONG
KAIBARA-SAAAAN, WE HAVE SOME-THING TO DELIVER TO YOU!
YES~
What's up?!
WE BROUGHT YOUR KOUHAI HERE FOR YOU—
I'm so sorry
I'm so sorry

GOOD MORNING
I WAS BROUGHT ALONG WITH THEM
WE ACCIDENTALLY MET THEM AT THE CAKE SHOP IN FRONT OF THE STATION—
IT WAS ALMOST LUNCH TIME, SO I INVITED THEM OVER
WHAT!?
WHAT?
AND THEN WE MET YOUR BROTHER.
AOKI-KUN AND I ALSO ACCIDENTALLY MET AT THE SHOP.
Sister's husband. Novelist. Has a big sister-in-law complex.
What's with that little girl?
Don't tell me he's having an affair?
HMM ---?
IF YOU DO SOMETHING UNNECESSARY, I WILL NEVER SPEAK TO YOU AGAIN.
YOU SEE, I WANTED TO HAVE A TALK WITH HIM, AS TWO MEN.
SERI, SERI—
Is you overthrow Sasahara, won't forgive you.

How did it turn out like this?!
GRAB
I heard that mom and dad are on the day trip today
WHISPER
SORRY! WAS IT BAD FOR YOU?
WHISPER
OOOOKAY~
STAGGER
WHISPER
AO-KUN WAS ON THE WAY HERE, RIGHT?
urgh!
IT'LL BE BAD IF SOMETHING HAPPENS BETWEEN THEM, RIGHT?
MOREOVER, THAT GIRL IS INTERESTED IN HIM, RIGHT?
urgh!
IF NOT FOR THIS BODY OF MINE I WOULD HAVE KNOCKED HIM DOWN, YOU KNOW
KEI FOUND HIM TALKING TO THAT GIRL—
PREGNANT WOMAN TALKING
You're so sharp in love affairs, just as I expected!
Wei
JUST LEAVE IT TO YOUR NEE-CHAN
I WILL DRIVE HER AWAY WHILE KEI DOESN'T KNOW IT
After that you two just earn lovey-dovey together
THAT GIRL IS PRETTY CALCULATING YOU SHOULD KEEP AN EYE ON HER
KNOW WHAT?

NOGIWA HOT SPRING DAY TRIP TOUR, GRAPE PICKING, AND HOT POT SMORGASBORD...
HEH—
I see, getting lovey-dovey just the two of you, huh
SIGH
AOKI-KUN, HAMURA-SAN, SHALL WE GO TO NAGATORO TO EAT SHAVED ICE RIGHT NOW?
So as to put a very large distance between them
YOU JERK!
BUT IT'LL BE BAD WHETHER YOU TAKE ITSUKO-SAN ALONG OR LEAVE HER HERE
That's right! That's right! What were you thinking, asking to go on a pleasant outing?
UHM...
IF IT'S OKAY WITH YOU ALL, PLEASE LET ME MAKE SOME FOOD
EH?
smile
TADA!

Oops! I should've told you I was hungry
I'M SORRY, I MADE TOO MUCH FOOD
IT'S OKAY, IT'S OKAY!
IT'S TIME TO EAAAT!
THEY LOOK SO GOOD!
Amazed at the moment
They are so alike...
No that's not all
HOLDS BACK
Wait
.....
IT'S SO GOOD!
is really happy
THEN I WILL START EATING AS WELL
Is Ao-kun mad? Is he mad?!

EVEN SECCHAN IS GOOD AT COOKING, TOO
THAT'S RIGHT THAT'S RIGHT. IT'S SECCHAN'S SPECIALTY
Why are you defending so much, Aki-kun?
IT'S REALLY GOOD!
SERIKA-SENPAI MADE IT.
nibble
THIS MEAT ROLL IS REALLY GOOD
THUMP THUMP
Uwaa sadist
wait!
I'M SO GLAD THAT I WAS INVITED HERE TODAY!
I WAS ABLE TO EAT SERIKA-SENPAI'S OWN COOKING
TADA
IT'S SO FULL OF BOOKS!
wow!
I EXPECT NO LESS FROM SENPAI'S ROOM
Ao-kun was supposed to say that!
IS THAT SO?
Ahahaha!

I made the area around the bed look cute!
Especially today!
TO BE TOLD THAT MY ROOM IS EXACTLY THE SAME AS A GUY'S IS KIND OF–
I FEEL LIKE I KNOW THIS PLACE
IT'S EXACTLY THE SAME AS MY ROOM.
I also know I could throw out a lot of things to make room for another bed, but I'm not that kind of girl.
Ah–
YES, I DO
I ALSO HAVE THIS CUTE KITTY
SENPAI ALSO LIKES THIS KIND OF THING, RIGHT?
SMACK
YOU'RE RIGHT!
Oops–
She must be thinking I brought her here to unfreely eat pussy
YOU're the one who's cute !
Thats not what I mean!!!
IT'S SO CUTE, ISN'T IT?

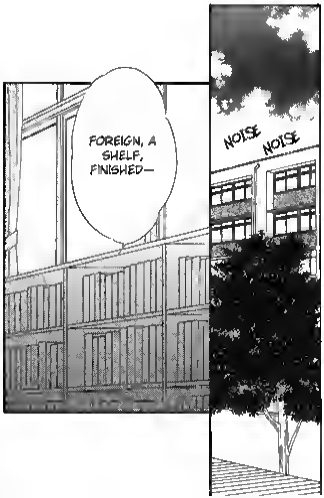
AH, THAT'S RIGHT
I WILL MAKE A BOXED LUNCH FOR HIM ON THE DAY OF SORTING THE BOOK COLLECTION.
AH, BUT SINCE HE ACCEPTED THE FOOD THAT I COOKED
TA!
and now I'm all sweaty...!
Normally, we should have been flirting outrageously by now!
I MEAN, SORRY, AO-KUN!
I will straighten Kei-chan later
SO I WOULD LIKE THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO TRY OUR FOOD
ON THAT DAY, THE COOKING CLUB WILL ALSO EXPERIMENT THE MENU FOR THE CULTURAL FESTIVAL
THE DAY OF SORTING THE BOOK COLLECTION OF THE LIBRARY IS NEXT WEEK, RIGHT?
ABOUT THAT— UHM... I'M REALLY GRATEFUL BUT... UHM...
IS IT OKAY? THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
BUT NO MATTER WHAT, THEY JUST SAY THAT OUR FOOD IS GOOD
SO IT'S NOT VERY GOOD REFERENCE FOR US...
WHAT?!
IT LOOKS LIKE EVERY YEAR, WE ASK THE SPORTS CLUB TO TRY OUR FOOD

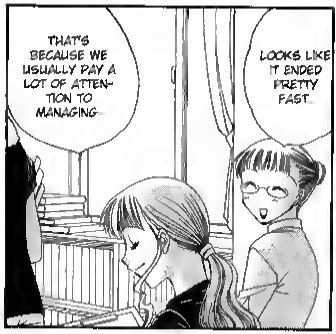
...interfering with me?!
THANK YOU FOR RECEIVING ME!
THEN, I WILL BE COUNTING ON YOU NEXT WEEK SERIKA-SENPAI!
I WILL MAKE LOOOOOOOTS OF FOOD, EVEN MORE DELICIOUS THAN TODAY!
Is the god of exams.
AH—
AND WHO'S GOING TO TAKE YOU BACK, YUMI-CHAN?
YES, JUST LEAVE IT TO ME~
SERI, YOU TAKE HIM UP THERE.
I'M SORRY IT SEEMS LIKE I'VE FORGOTTEN MY KEY IN THE ROOM.

GRAB
EH?!
I KNEW IT! HE'S REALLY ANGRY~
I WANT TO DIE
PING
UHM...
PRATTLE
UHM...
SORRY ABOUT TODAY, AO-KUN.
CLANG
CLANG
.....
CLANG
CLANG
MMN
YOU SMELL EVEN BETTER THAN USUAL

SUCH A CUTE BRA!
AND YOUR NEAT BED AS WELL.
THESE ARE ALL FOR ME, RIGHT?
IT'S OKAY SUMMER HOLIDAY HASN'T ENDED YET
WE CAN TAKE OUR TIME DOING IT ON THE DAY OF THE SUMMER FESTIVAL, RIGHT?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE IMPATIENT.
OKAY?
He really sees right through me!

HMM
These boring and difficult problems are giving me a headache.
I felt like studying just a little bit
sigh
I want to be spoiled by Ao-kun
even though I know that I shouldn't be feeling this way.


FOREIGN, A SHELF, FINISHED—
NOISE
NOISE

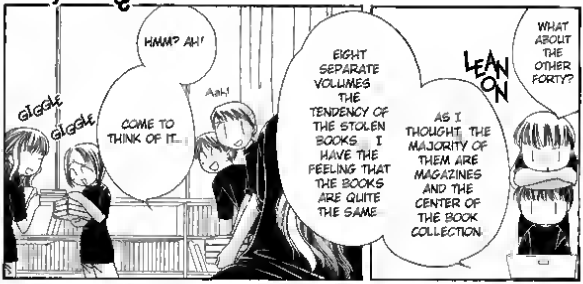

THAT'S BECAUSE WE USUALLY PAY A LOT OF ATTENTION TO MANAGING
LOOKS LIKE IT ENDED PRETTY FAST.

DATA SHELF, COMPLETE!
NATIONAL LITERATURE, C SHELF, FINISHED!

BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF MISSING BOOKS DON'T YOU THINK?
HM.
I'M SO MAD THAT A LOT MY FAVORITE BOOKS ARE ALSO MISSING
CHICK
CHICK

HMM...

AS OF NOW, WE'VE CONFIRMED THE LOCATION OF THE FORTY-TWO BOOKS THAT WERE STOLEN.
FOREIGN, A89—
NATIONAL LITERATURE, C117—
OH.


WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER FORTY?
LEAN ON
AS I THOUGHT, THE MAJORITY OF THEM ARE MAGAZINES AND THE CENTER OF THE BOOK COLLECTION.
EIGHT SEPARATE VOLUMES. THE TENDENCY OF THE STOLEN BOOKS... I HAVE THE FEELING THAT THE BOOKS ARE QUITE THE SAME.
HMM? AH!
Aah!
COME TO THINK OF IT...
GIGGLE
GIGGLE

WHAT?
BECAUSE KAI-SENPAI AND AOKI-KUN ARE GETTING ALONG SO WELL!

OH MY. I'M SO HAPPY. BUT I'M MORE INTERESTED IN THE WELFARE OF RUSSIAN LITERATURE
SERIKA-SENPAI. I LOVE YOU. LET'S TALK ABOUT MODERN FRENCH LITERATURE
.....
uwah!
How sexy is that—?

THAT'S NO GOOD, KAI-CHAN IF YOU DON'T GET ANY SEXIER,
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO CAPTURE YOUR BROTHER-IN-LAW'S LOVE YOU KNOW?
I HAVE NO SUCH INTENTION! DON'T TALK ABOUT THE PAST!
MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE ARE GLOOMY EXAMINEES RIGHT NOW!
Yay for my poker face! Now, beat that!
I PITY YOU, AO. YOU FEEL SO MUCH FOR HER, AND YET...
Hahaha
IT'S OKAY I WON'T GIVE UP
SOB
SOB
SILENCY
SOMEDAY, I WILL BECOME A MAN WHO CAN LIVE UP TO YOUR STANDARDS, SENPAI!
Ooooh, my big sister here is so POPULAR!
I'M LOOOOOKING FORWARD TO THAT

DON'T MAKE ME APPEAR SO LEWD---!
Even so...
HOW SILLY. IF YOU WANT TO HIT ON KAI,
JUST SAY "BIG SIS, PLEASE TEACH ME" AND MAKE A MOVE ON HER
Thug brat... thug brat... thug brat !!!
WHACK
WE ALSO FINISHED THE MAGAZINE SHELF---!
But, I'm also a bit pissed off that no one takes us for real!
OKAY
AO-KUN, FOR NOW, WHY DON'T YOU TRY GETTING THE LENDING RECORDS OF THE LOST BOOKS?
Then I'll use the printer in the librarian's room.
THAT'S SO STINGY. DON'T YOU HAVE SOMETHING LIKE JUICE?
Okay.
GOOD JOB, EVERYONE!
I HAVE SOME COLD BARLEY TEA HERE.
KNOCK KNOCK

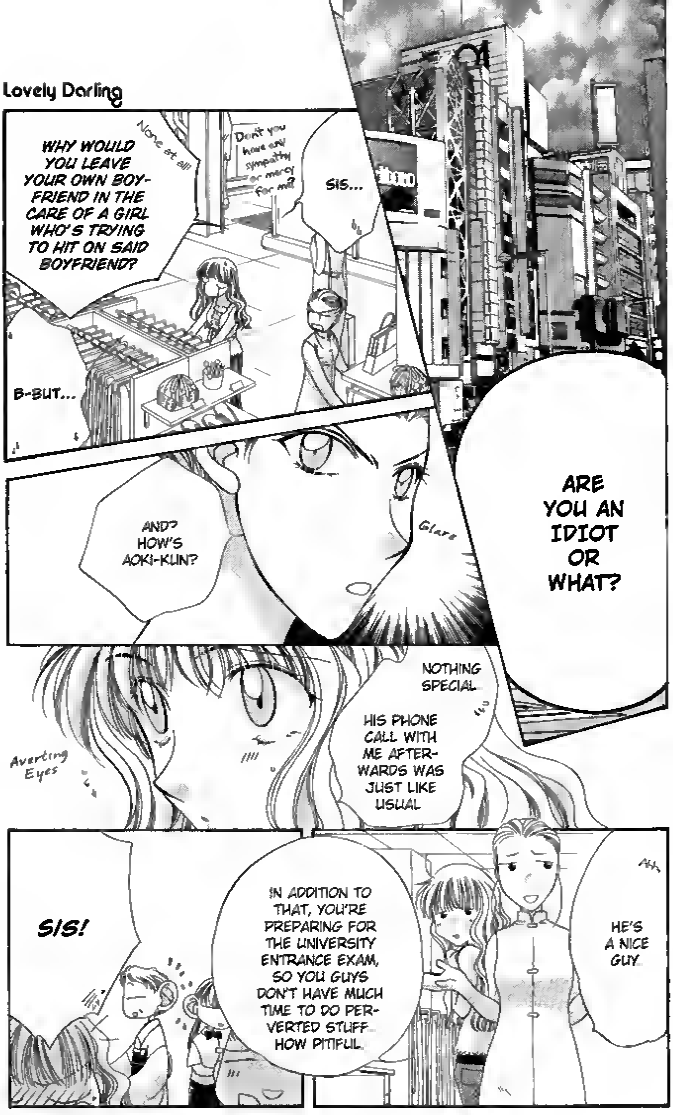
GOOD MORNING—! WE ARE FROM THE COOKING CLUB
WE BROUGHT YOU YOUR LUNCH—
OOOH
HERE THEY ARE—!
PLEASE EAT A LOT—
We also added rice balls as extras.
AND PLEASE FILL OUT THE QUESTIONNAIRE
We have tea as well
JUST WHAT I'D EXPECT FROM THE MENU OF THE POPULAR SHOP OF THE MAPLE FESTIVAL—
LOOKS LIKE YOU PUT A LOT OF EFFORT INTO MAKING ALL THESE
THAT'S BECAUSE WE HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO LOVE COOKING HERE
I SEE
CHOK CHOK
I'LL BRING IT TO AO-KUN
HERE YOU GO, SENPAI

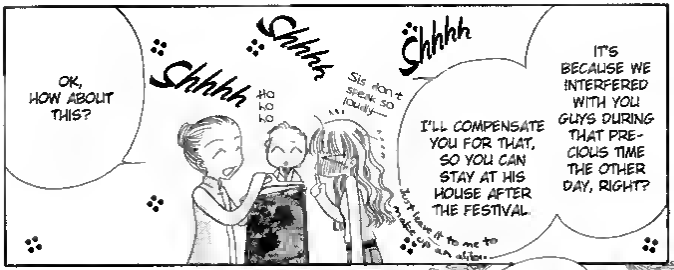
EH?!
AO-KUN, WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A SHORT BREAK?
HERE YOU GO.
Uhm
Let's see...
I guess I'll just eat this for now!!
sparkle
sparkle
AH,
THANK YOU
THANK YOU
WILL YOU PLEASE PUT THEM THERE FOR ME?
She's pretty calculating. You should keep an eye on her
GRRR!
KNEW IT
Is this it? Is this what it is?!
CHOMP
CHOMP
Right!
EH!?
THEY LOOK GOOD TOGETHER...
.....

Aargh- I also said so.
I feel exactly the same way
This awfully cute girl-!
b-b-b-but..
w-w-w-when Ao-kun is with me, he looks much cuter than when he's with her!
Damn it! You'll get what you deserve!
AH!
ARE YOU DONE NOW? THEN..!
CHOMP
CHOMP
THANK YOU FOR THE FOOD. THE SHRIMP SPRING ROLL WAS DELICIOUS.
BUT A BIT MORE GRILLING WILL ADD TO THE FLAVOR
GULP
BRISKLY
BRISKLY
BRISKLY
AH! I see!
THIS IS THE INFO ABOUT THE LOST BOOKS
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK

AMONG THEM THERE ARE 11 HARD-COVERS
AND THERE'S A BIT OF A TENDENCY AMONG THIS
...AH!
HMM?
OH?
IT'S ALMOST LIKE ALL OF THEM DISAPPEARED AFTER HAMURA YUMI BORROWED THEM.
YES?!
I RETURNED ALL OF THEM
AAH! YES, IT'S OKAY!
WHAT I MEAN IS THAT THEY DISAPPEARED AFTER YOU RETURNED THEM
EH?!
THEN IN SHORT, THAT MEANS THAT?
Hmmm...
...THEN. THAT MEANS THERE'S SOMEONE WHO'S STEALING ALL THE BOOKS THAT SHE'S READ?

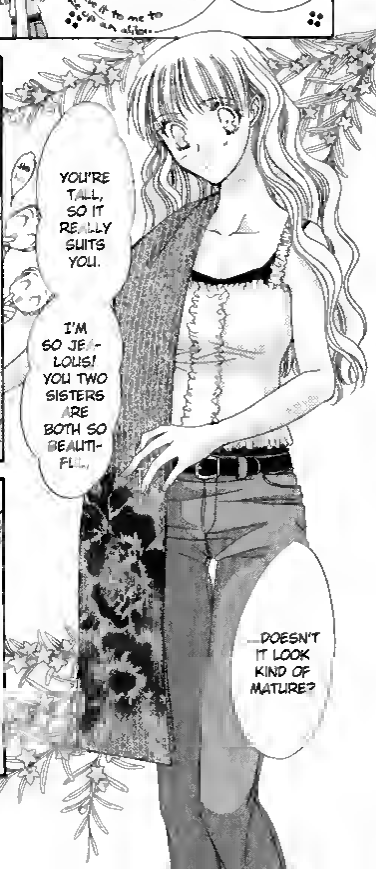
A STALKER—
HEY! YOU GUYS!
DON'T SAY SUCH A WEIRD THING!
IT'S NOT LIKE WE ALREADY DECIDED ON THAT, RIGHT?
SERIKA-SENPAI ...
We're sorry.
DON'T YOU HAVE SOME CLUE?
NO, I DON'T ...
OK, THEN IT'S FINE! BUT YOU SHOULD BE MORE CAREFUL.
OK
YOU SHOULD GO HOME WITH SOMEONE WHO LIVES NEAR YOU. IS THERE SOMEONE LIKE THAT HERE?
THERE'S AOI-KUN...
FOR REAL?
I-I SEE THEN, AOI-KUN,
WILL YOU WALK HER BACK TODAY?
...OK.


None at all!
Don't you have any sympathy or mercy for me?
SIS...
WHY WOULD YOU LEAVE YOUR OWN BOYFRIEND IN THE CARE OF A GIRL WHO'S TRYING TO HIT ON SAID BOYFRIEND?
B-BUT...
ARE YOU AN IDIOT OR WHAT?
Glare
AND? HOW'S AOKI-KUN?
NOTHING SPECIAL
HIS PHONE CALL WITH ME AFTERWARDS WAS JUST LIKE USUAL
Averting Eyes
SIS!
IN ADDITION TO THAT, YOU'RE PREPARING FOR THE UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE EXAM, SO YOU GUYS DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME TO DO PERVERTED STUFF. HOW PITIFUL.
Ahh
HE'S A NICE GUY.


OK, HOW ABOUT THIS?
Shhhh
Shhhh
Shhhh
Ha ha ha
Sis don't speak so loudly!
Don't leave it to me to make up an alibi...
I'LL COMPENSATE YOU FOR THAT, SO YOU CAN STAY AT HIS HOUSE AFTER THE FESTIVAL.
IT'S BECAUSE WE INTERFERED WITH YOU GUYS DURING THAT PRECIOUS TIME THE OTHER DAY, RIGHT?

Like I said, what does that have to do with anything?
A guy is weak when he sees a cute girl
Hah!
YOU IDIOT. A MATCHING APPEARANCE IS VERY IMPORTANT WHEN IT COMES TO COMPETING.
Since you have huge breasts and a plump butt!
But my feet are way bigger than Ao-kun!

M-MOREOVER, IF I DON'T WEAR IT WELL, I'LL LOOK EVEN TALLER...
E-eh?


Ha
YOU'RE TALL, SO IT REALLY SUITS YOU.
I'M SO JEALOUS! YOU TWO SISTERS ARE BOTH SO BEAUTIFUL.
...DOESN'T IT LOOK KIND OF MATURE?

POINTS
HE'S THE ONE WHO CHOSE YOU!
THEREFORE, THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO WORRY ABOUT YOUR HEIGHT!
EH?
IF A GUY IS DISCOURAGED BY SOMETHING LIKE THAT, HE ISN'T WORTH GOING OUT WITH!
You don't have to tell me that...!
Hum
Hum
Hum
Hum
AH.
STOPS
HEY!
Uwah! He totally froze!

THAT'S SERIKA FOR YOU— THAT'S SO CHIC. YOU LOOK SO SEXY.
Sticks close
Unusual
HE'S RUNNING OVER HERE HE'S RUNNING OVER HERE.
Tatter
YOU'RE SO CUUUTE.
IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL.
Ah! But today, I really look tall.
Tatter
SINCE I'M THE PRESIDENT OF THE "ADMIRING SERIKA IN A YUKATA COMMITTEE" OF ALL JAPAN...
I expanded it.
The name was changed
.WHY ARE YOU HERE?
I LOVE YOU
IT'S OK, YOU CAN FOLLOW US.
WAIT UP!
HEY!
WALKING AWAY
ALL RIGHT! SHALL WE GO THEN?
Steam

BUT WE'LL BE ALL LOVEY-DOVEY.
YOU KNOW?
Flirt Flirt
Lovey-Dovey
Y—
YOU GUYS...!
Stop flirting so blatantly!

WHY DO WE HAVE TO?
TCH!
THAT'S SO MEAN, HOW MEAN
Nope we aren't
WANT ME TO BUY YOU SOME CANDY?
DON'T GET SO COCKY, "SHORTIE."
LISTEN UP! WHEN A GIRL WEARS A YUKATA ON A DATE—
THAT MEANS YOU CAN'T HAVE SEX WITH HER!
WHY? BECAUSE IF YOU TAKE IT OFF, YOU CAN'T PUT IT ON AGAIN!
Really?!
Had someone put it on for her so she didn't realize that
THAT'S JUST WHAT HE THINKS
PLEASE, STOP FOLLOWING ME!
WE'LL SEARCH FOR YOUR FRIENDS TOGETHER WITH YOU
YUMI-CHAN—
NO, THANKS!

A beautiful girl
She's beautiful but...
Is she in the nightlife business?
Glint
SENPAI!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? I'M OVER HERE!
THANK YOU!
Make-up was too flashy, so she's not hit on
Dejected
Definitely sad
We're sorry. This is sad
It's gotten even more complicated
THE SAME
SENPAI, YOUR YUKATA...
Ah—
I WAS WITH MY FRIEND, BUT...
Ack
WHAT'S WRONG? ARE YOU BY YOURSELF?
You shouldn't say that coo when you yourself are a guy

Big sis, you liar!
YUMI-CHAN LOOKS SO CUTE WHEN SHE WEARS IT!
WHAT A COINCI-DENCE —
AH, BUT IT SUITS YOU MORE, SENPAI.
It looks too mature for me.
SO, YOU LOST CONTACT WITH YOUR FRIEND, HAMURA-SAN?
WE ALSO MET BY CHANCE
No
SHE'S ALREADY LEFT.
EH?
Flinch
ARE YOU THREE TOGETHER?
YUMI-CHAN, IF YOU'RE NOT TIRED, HOW ABOUT HANG-ING AROUND WITH US A BIT MORE?
Wha —!
Ex?
BUT...
IT'D BE TROUBLE-SOME IF YOU GET HIT ON AGAIN-
RIGHT, SERIKA ?!
YOU'RE RIGHT
You jerk!

The God of exams is definitely not on my side!
Aaah!
Kyaa!
...WHO'S THE GOD OF EXAMS ANYWAY?
THE SPIRIT OF SUGAWARA NO MICHIZANE*?
HEY, AREN'T THOSE TWO CUTE?
AH... YUP, YUP.
SOMEHOW THEY SEEM SO INNOCENT, HUH?
Giggle Giggle
You know...
That guy
HE'S TOTALLY PERVERTED!
Don't let him fool you
"AO-KUN CHOSE YOU."
THEY LOOK REALLY GOOD TOGETHER, DON'T YOU THINK?
I already know that!!
Sigh

*T/N Sugawara no Michizane was a scholar, poet, and politician of the Heian Period. He is regarded as an excellent poet, particularly in Chinese poetry

If only I could be a girl...
...who anyone would say that I look good with him...
Twinge
Uraah
Pangs Guilt
H-
HEY, SERIKA.
TOOYAMA!
DOESN'T THAT GUY LOOK SUSPICIOUS?
EH?
BEHIND YUMI-CHAN...

WHAM
trip
THUD
YOU—!
WAH!
WHAM
OW!

BASTARD!
BASTARD!
HE'S A PURSE SNATCHER!
PLEASE, CALL THE POLICE!
Turns back
HERE YOU GO, YUMI-CHAN
All right all safe
OUCH!
SEN-
SENPAI!
E—
EH?!
NO!S!
NO!S!
I'll take a preliminary report now so come with me Ok? You did great

WHERE ARE SERIKA AND THE SHORTIE?!
SHAKE
SHAKE
DAMN IT!
THEY GOT AWAY WHILE EVERYONE WAS STILL CONFUSED!
SERI-OUSLY, YOU'RE ALWAYS SO RECK-LESS!
MY FOOT JUST CAME OUT ON ITS OWN WILL...
THAT ASIDE, IS IT OK TO LEAVE YUMI-CHAN BEHIND?
AFTER THE POLICE GET A STATEMENT FROM HER, HER FAMILY WILL COME TO TAKE HER HOME.
And Togame-senpai is also with her.
I HAVE NO DUTY TO ACCOMPANY HER ANY-MORE, RIGHT?
THAT'S RIGHT, BUT...
Uwahhh.

HE'S MAD
REALLY MAD
WITH THIS, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO WALK ANYMORE,
AND IT'S HARD TO CATCH A TAXI TODAY...
EH... AH...
"I'LL GIVE YOU MONEY, SO JUST STAY OVER!"
URGH!
UHM!
Am I going to seduce him? Me? Seducing him?!
I don't want to do that!
I DON'T WANT TO BE BRANDED AS A SLUT!
...MY HOUSE IS NEAR HERE—
I-
AND THERE'S NO ONE ELSE AT HOME TODAY.

EEK!
KYOON
FWUMP
Thump
Thump
Is this OK? Is this really OK?!
HOW COULD HE DO THIS?
HE ASKED ME OVER WHEN NO ONE'S AT HOME
Forgot that she herself was about to seduce him.
YOU CAN'T DO THAT, TAMAKO-SAN
I'M SORRY, SENPAI ARE YOU OK WITH DOGS?
Lllwaaaah!
THE DOG SURPRISED ME
IS SHE CALLED TAMAKO- SAN? HOW CUTE
I'M SORRY FOR ALWAYS CAUSING TROUBLE
YOU'RE NOT CAUSING ME TROUBLE, BUT YOU ALWAYS MAKE ME WORRY

...WE FINALLY GET TO BE ALONE TOGETHER.
NO, I'M FINE
THANKS
ALRIGHT, THIS SHOULD DO IT. DOES IT HURT?
Awww
DOES IT HURT?
Uwah! He's so cute!
YEAH
A WHILE AGO, YOU GUYS WERE SAYING THINGS LIKE HAMURA AND I LOOK OH-SO-GOOD TOGETHER, RIGHT?
E—
EH?
UHM...
THIS YUKATA LOOKS BETTER ON YOU, AFTER ALL.
I REALLY THINK-

EH...
EH... HEHE HE?
YOU CAN'T STILL BE THINKING THAT NOW, RIGHT?
DON'T "EHE-HEHE" ME!
Oh my.
ARGH...
THAT MADE ME REALLY ANNOYED, YOU KNOW
Stare
Me too...

DON'T YOU KNOW WHO I LOVE?
M-
ME

...!
THE ONE I WANT THE MOST?
Rustle
Rustle
ME?
THE ONE WHO MADE ME A MAN?
WON'T YOU PLAY WITH ME?

Is it —
WHAT THE... YOU WERE SAYING THAT IT LOOKS GOOD ON ME, BUT NOW YOU'RE TAKING IT OFF?
BECAUSE YOUR NAKED BODY IS SO BEAUTIFUL..
I LOVE IT.
that Ao-kun is good at making me happy —
...SO NAUGHTY!
I AM. BUT ONLY FOR YOU, SENPAI!
or is it because he said it that it makes me happy?
...SENPAI, I'M SORRY.
TODAY... I MIGHT BE A BIT ROUGHER THAN USUAL...

BLUSH
I want to be naked –
both my heart and my body
IT'S OK
IT DOESN'T HURT THAT MUCH ANY-MORE
Because it's what I want him to do
DARN
I love this moment so much I can't take it

IS IT OK FOR ME NOT TO FUSS—
OVER HOW HE FEELS ABOUT OUR FIRST TIME TOGETHER?
...
HE LOOKS SO CONTENT
Because...
...I love him this much.
So this is the feeling of loving someone.
I see...
AH!

MATH?
YAY! I SOLVED IT!
Ah! right!
YEP! IT'S BEEN BUGGING ME THE WHOLE TIME
Scribble
OHH!
OHHH!
Scribble
Scribble Scribble
?
SEN-PAI?
AH!
AH!
CREAK
CREAK
Ehem
SOMEHOW, MY MIND SUDDENLY BECAME CLEAR..
THAT'S GREAT
If I don't have sex, I won't be able to pass the exam?!
N-
NO WAY..!
THEN THAT MEANS..?!
Does that mean after having sex, my mind becomes clearer?!
HEY, HEY!

I can't let Ao-kun know something so embarrassing...!
HEY, THAT'S...
NO WAY!
Flash
Mumble Mumble
HOW DID I BECOME SO NAUGHTY?
Or was I already like this from the start?!
We just didn't notice it
HEY!
Peek!?
?
AH, HERE SHE COMES! KAI-CHAN!
STOMP
STOMP
HEY!

A PHOTO OF YOU GUYS IS BEING SPREAD ALL OVER THE PLACE ON CELL PHONES!
IS IT TRUE THAT YOU STAYED WITH AO-KUN UNTIL YESTERDAY MORNING?!
WHAT?
What did they just say?!
WOW!
IT'S TRUE.
WOW!
WAY TO GO, AOKI!
SNICK
WHAT THE-! GIVE IT BACK...!
MEANWHILE
ARGH
GIVE IT BACK
Are there any more?
Anyone else have this photo?
SO THAT'S HIS DETERMINATION AFTER BEING REJECTED, HUH?
UKAI
He's an idiot, though.
Such a nice guy.
HEY, HEY.

HOW WAS IT? THERE'S A RUMOR THAT KAIBARA-SENPAI IS REALLY NAUGHTY, RIGHT?
THEN YUMI HAS HER HEART BROKEN?
DIDN'T THAT GIRL HAVE SOME OTHER GUY SHE LIKES?
DON'T GIVE UP
SO
IS THIS WHAT THEY CALL "FOOLING AROUND?"
I CAN UNDERSTAND IF IT'S KAIBARA-SENPAI. SHE'S SUCH A BEAUTY, YOU KNOW.
AOKI-KUN LIKES OLDER GIRLS?
DID SHE TEACH YOU ALL THE STUFF?
HEH
THEN MAYBE I'LL LET HER PLAY WITH ME-
GRAB
Whack!
AH!

Wobble
Fu—Fu—Fu—Fu
Shock!
WHO'S FOOLING AROUND?
AO-KUN IS MY DARLING FOR REAL!
Hug
WE ARE SUPER LOVEY-DOVEY AND NAUGHTY!
IF YOU HAVE SOME PROBLEM WITH THAT, COME TO THE LIBRARY!
Cough
WELL, BEFORE THAT, COME TO THE STAFF ROOM, OK?

SEE, YOU BOTH ARE STILL STUDENTS,
AND THIS IS STILL SCHOOL, RIGHT?
OH REALLY?
I THINK THOSE STUDENTS JUST MADE THAT UP FOR FUN.
Judging by your personalities
Big Trouble
Oh, no
SO? WHAT'S THE TRUTH?
U—
UHM...
BLUSH
Shake
Shake
...V-VERY DISTURBING FOR ME!
UHM... THIS IS..
SENPAI COULDN'T STAND SEEING ME BEING MADE FUN OF LIKE THAT,
SO SHE INTENDED TO JOKE ABOUT IT TO MAKE THEM STOP MAKING FUN OF ME. THAT'S ALL
M-MOREOVER...

Who are you?
OH, I SEE
YOU'RE RIGHT
This is Aoki-kun we're talking about, right?
HO HO HO
AWW
SORRY, SORRY.
WE MADE YOU FEEL EMBARRASSED, DIDN'T WE?
YOU, TOO, KAIBARA! YOU'RE OLDER THAN HIM
YOU SHOULD LEARN A BIT FROM AOKI AND BE A BIT MORE RESERVED! OK?!
EH? WAH?
YES?
IT'S KAIBARA AND AOKI, YOU KNOW.
HA HA HA
Yeah, right After all, we don't suit each other, OK?
URGH
WE WERE IN A BIT OF A PINCH, HUH?
EH?
I'M SORRY FOR ACTING SO STUPID
I WON'T
OH, BOY
SO THAT WAS ALL NONSENSE, HUH?
WELL, THAT FIGURES, THOUGH

I WAS REALLY HAPPY
Lovey-dovey and naughty aren't we?
Tz-
THAT WAS JUST ON AN IMPULSE
...HEY, WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO TAKE OFF?
Idiot!
CAN'T I?
WE LIED TO THEM ABOUT THIS JUST A MOMENT AGO, DIDN'T WE?
TAKES OFF
THAT'S EXACTLY WHY THEY WON'T EXPECT US TO BE DOING THIS.
TAKES OFF
OH, I SEE
Eek!
...THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN!
D-
DO YOU ALSO THINK THAT I'M A NAUGHTY GIRL?
SENPAI.
I said it!
I—

I'M SORRY!
AWWW
So, he thinks so? He really thinks so?!
THAT TIME, I WAS REALLY HAPPY.
SO I GOT AHEAD OF MYSELF. AND THIS TIME...
What?
SO HE FOUND OUT?!
Hey look at me when you say it!
How should I say it..?
YOU WERE SO CUTE WHEN YOU PRETENDED TO BE ALL CALM AND COMPOSED, SO I COULDN'T HELP MYSELF.
Eh..?
That's kind of perverted.
...YOU DIDN'T THINK THAT YOU'D BE THIS NAUGHTY?
Oh..
Oh?
I KNOW I SHOULD BE MORE OF A GENTLEMAN,
BUT ACTUALLY, I JUST CAN'T CONTROL MYSELF.

pinch
THAT'S RIGHT
I'm sorry
MONKEY
NAUGHTY
YES, I'M A MONKEY
I MEAN, IT HASN'T BEEN A MONTH YET
YES, I'M NAUGHTY
I CAN'T CALM DOWN YET
Oh Oh Oh
I SEE!
POM
Click
FLINCH
Ah

WHO IS IT?! EMI-CHAN?
NO... IF IT WAS HER, SHE WOULDN'T TURN OFF THE LIGHT, RIGHT?
...THEN THAT MEANS
The book thief?!
STANDS UP
YOU STAY HERE, SENPAI
I WILL.
Gyah!
She won't even have her underwear on!
Gone!
SLAM
WHO'S THERE?!

YUMI-CHAN?
E-EH? WHY. ?
THUD
I—
I'M SORRY!
EH?
PHEW
SO IT REALLY WAS YOU, HAMURA.
EH?

YOU ALWAYS BORROW A BOOK BEFORE TAKING IT.
THAT WAY, YOU CAN MAKE UP THE WHOLE THING ABOUT SOMEONE ELSE STEALING ALL THE BOOKS THAT YOU'VE BORROWED, RIGHT?
HOW DO YOU ..?
AH!

"SHE ALWAYS BORROWS BOOKS THAT AO-KUN HAS READ"
I SEE...
Ao-kun touched those books, so she
That's a bit
sad...
I UNDERSTAND YOUR FEELING,
BUT THIS IS SOMETHING YOU SHOULDN'T DO, RIGHT?
...YES
I'M SORRY. BUT.
Huggle!
OH?
OH?
I LOVE...
PLEASE DON'T HATE ME, SERIKA-SENPAI.
..PLEASE DON'T HATE ME

EXCUSE ME?
EH?!
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU THOUGHT SHE ONLY CAME TO THE LIBRARY—
ON THE DAYS I WAS ON DUTY.
ACTUALLY, ON DAYS THAT YOU DIDN'T COME, SHE DIDN'T COME EITHER.
You just didn't know because you don't see.
BUT THEY WERE ALL BOOKS THAT YOU BORROWED.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? AREN'T THEY ALL BOOKS THAT YOU READ AT THE LIBRARY?
B-BUT YOU FIGURED IT OUT JUST BECAUSE OF THAT...?
Oh?
THAT'S
Because I also did the same thing
Huh?
I didn't steal them though.

When I still had a crush on you
What?
Ahem
?
BE-CAUSE—
SHE MADE ALL YOUR FAVORITE FOOD WHEN SHE WAS AT YOUR HOUSE;
SHE ALSO COPIES YOUR HAIR-STYLE AND USES THE SAME PERFUME AS YOU;
With her height, it didn't look as good.
..!
AND SHE ALSO GOT A MATCHING YUKATA, RIGHT?
YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD ME!
I didn't want to
THEY WERE JUST MY WILD GUESSES,
AND IT'S SOMEONE ELSE'S FEELINGS RIGHT? HOW COULD I HAVE KNOWN IF IT WAS TRUE?
All right! Put all the books back.
That's true, but still!
..BUT I SHOULDN'T SAY ALL THAT ABOUT HER..
EH?
I'M JUST THINKING THAT MAYBE I'VE BEEN GIVING YOU A HARD TIME WITH MY DESIRE FOR YOU AND ALL...
RIGHT NOW, IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT TIME FOR YOU...

Wha—?
Determined
I'VE DECIDED!
EH!
NO, ABOUT THAT...
I'LL TRY TO HOLD IN MY DESIRE FOR A WHILE!
I DON'T WANT TO DO THINGS THAT YOU DON'T LIKE, AND I DON'T WANT TO INTERFERE WITH YOUR STUDYING FOR THE EXAMS, EITHER!
I'LL JUST HAVE TO ENDURE FOR HALF A YEAR, RIGHT?
So he decided on that?
PLEASE PASS THE EXAMS, OK?
So cute.
THAT'S
...NOT
Shake
Shake
Shake
SOB
I DON'T WANT YOU TO NOT DO IT WITH ME!
Grab
IF WE DON'T DO IT, IT'LL BE EVEN HARDER FOR ME TO CONCENTRATE ON MY STUDY!
RUSH

Whew
THE RUMOR FINALLY GOT OUT NOW?
LIBRAR
Yeah
THOSE TWO GET ALONG PRETTY WELL IN THE FIRST PLACE, RIGHT?
GEEZ! HOW CAN YOU—
BE SO CUTE?!
KAI-CHAN IS ALWAYS SO LEVEL-HEADED, BUT THERE ARE TIMES WHEN SHE'S ABSENT-MINDED
Yep yep
AOKI ALWAYS HELPS HER OUT DURING THOSE TIMES
THEY MAKE A GOOD COMBINATION, OR SHOULD I SAY THEY LOOK GOOD TOGETHER?
KAI-CHAN IS SLOW, TOO ACTUALLY, SHE'S A LATE GROWER
THEY DEFINITELY WON'T REALIZE THAT WE'RE GIVING THEM A CHANCE TO BE ALONE TOGETHER

IT'D BE GREAT IF AO-KUN GETS REWARDED SOON, THOUGH...
WELL, THINGS ARE ACTUALLY GOING VERY WELL FOR THEM, THOUGH.
We'll become closer and closer together.
The boy who has been completely hiding his real nature
This is just like a love song
What I shouldn't think that way!
Together, we'll find a good way to date each other.
That's how we spent our summer.
I HAVEN'T GIVEN UP YET, ALL RIGHT?!
I ALREADY WANT TO GIVE UP ON YOU, YOU KNOW?
You incorrigible idiot!
I HAVEN'T GIVEN UP EITHER

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Comments: It makes me wonder how such a chib guy like Ao-kun can be so smutty ^ ^

Should I say size doesn't mattter? XD

RAWR
Why won't you release the next chapter?!
Can I help you?
What can I do to help?
Fan Girl
It's not like YOU helped out any...
We don't have enough translators or editors
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